



HELLO
September



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**

If I were to ask you about your faith story, what would you say? One of the things that I had hoped to do in my tenure as your deacon was to learn more about each of you and your faith story. Maybe that will happen after I retire.

Our faith stories are important. Each of us has a history, a witness that needs to be shared. As we share our stories, amazing things begin to happen. People become aware in a deeper way that God is among us and that God is working in the lives of people we know. The realization that God is in fact among us and has been working in our lives is a tremendous encouragement for the whole church. And telling our story here in the safety of Christ Lutheran makes it easier for each of us to share our story with those outside our walls.

Most of us realize that our faith hasn't been formed through sitting through countless church services. Our faith becomes clear as we live that faith beside others. Sometimes that formation begins with sitting on a parent's or grandparent's lap, listening to them read stories from the Bible to us. Sometimes that formation comes when we are lost, alone, and frightened but someone else reaches out to us in caring, genuine kindness.

In early October, Christ Lutheran will be having our third annual All Church Retreat in the beauty of Camp Ghormley. The focus that Pastor Chris has chosen is "Telling Our Story"

using the book of Ruth as the basis. We will be looking closer at the stories of Naomi and Boaz. There will be more small group time and to quote him “way less me talking!”

The past two retreats have been a time of exploring the subject of prayer on a deeper level. They have been filled with music, laughter, love, and learning more about each other. Oh, and special names! This year’s will be no different.

We are people grafted together by Christ, being asked to become tellers of true things to people we did not choose. But Christ Lutheran has known how to make room for belonging. We were never meant to be a passive audience to one another’s lives. We were meant to belong to each other, and to keep saying so, in the particular and irreplaceable language of story. Be a part of our retreat. All are welcome!

Peace,

Deacon Kathy

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

8TH *Liam Peterson*

10TH *Ken Tolonen*

14TH *Jim Sund*

27TH *Darlene Smith*



18TH *Gilbert & Patsy Lake*

20TH *Richard & Evelyn Roberts*

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	Delmar Thaden	Elisabeth Dunbar	Jane Peterson
Hayden	Clifford Lania	Joan Jangard	Kikue Lugo
Rod Mick	Floyd Butterfield	Marianna Matthews	Mary Lou Sullivan
Linda	Jean Springate	Gail	Ben Taylor
Bill Clark	Jean Siepman	Denise	Jason
Julia	Elaine	Jim & Ann	The Joeckel's
Mary	Anna-Lisa Jensen	Lila	Pete Donlin
Sally Atterbery	Lisa	Ken Murphy	Jerry Aldrich
Caitlin	Rene Griswold	Mary DeBrock	Jim Eling
Lori Schatz	Darold Larson	Sharon	Angel
Todd Oliver			

The friends and families of Louise Adams, Chris Bonser, Bob Dunn, and Buz Smith.

(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.

That the Lord show us all the next steps to take in life.

Prayers of healing for Mitch and guidance for the family in every decision in the days ahead.



We have had Chris and Amanda Bonser cleaning our church for many years. Chris passed away suddenly on July 19th. To give Amanda time to grieve and adjust, Pastor Chris and Deacon Kathy would like to thank everyone who has stepped in and helped clean the church. We ask that members continue to 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

Acting Like God

“Following World War II, many of the countries were devastated by the war. Many American soldiers stayed behind to help them clean up. One Sunday morning an American soldier turned the corner in one of the large cities in Europe, in his Jeep, and looked over and saw about a ten-year-old kid standing in front of a bakery. He was looking longingly at the food in that bakery.

“The soldier pulled the Jeep over, jumped out of the Jeep, and said to the kid, ‘Are you hungry?’

“The boy said, ‘I sure am, sir.’

“Without any other words, the soldier went into the bakery and got a big sack full of donuts and baked goods and came back out and gave them to that little boy. He tousled his hair and jumped back into his Jeep and was getting ready to pull out. The little kid turned around and said, ‘Sir, are you God?’...

“That soldier was not God and neither are we when we give... but we are more like God when we give than any other time in our life.”

[*The Benefits of Lifestyle Stewardship*, John Maxwell, audio tape]

Stewardship Nuggets by Herb Miller





3rd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat

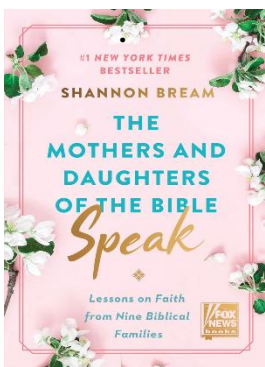
The dates have been set for our 3rd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat.

They are on Friday evening, **October 2nd** beginning with a meal 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 the next few weeks so make your plans early and save the date.

Gift Matching Opportunity!!

Your donation towards the much-needed SOLAR KITCHEN at Tumaini Lutheran Seminary in Tanzania will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous donor up to a cumulative total of \$20,000 through November 15, 2026! This will allow us to reach our original funding goal of \$75,000 well ahead of schedule! Donations can be made either online at www.nwimsynod.org (specify "Global Mission, UKD Solar Kitchen") or by US Mail to the Synod Office noting "UKD Solar Kitchen." Thanks to those who have already donated to this project!



Book Study on "Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak" will return from summer hiatus on Sunday, September 20th at 11:00. Going forward, the study will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We will begin the fall 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.

HELP WANTED

FOR A SUCCESFUL CRAFT FAIR

PERSON POWER HELP:

Kitchen: Take orders and money; make sandwiches; serve & bus tables; clean up

CLC Craft Tables: Sell & take money at baked goods tables & our craft tables

Silent Auction: Answer questions

LUNCH ITEMS:

Bottled Water; Coffee; Deli Ham slices; Sliced Cheddar Cheese; Costco Pies; Gluten Free Bread

BAKE SALE AND OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

Breads, Muffins, Rolls, Cookies, Candies, 8" Pies, Cakes, Other Sweets

(please have them plated, wrapped, priced, and ready to sell)

NEW THIS YEAR:

Silent Auction: please consider donating items. Higher end items bring in more bidding as we learned last year with raffle items.

We will also have our own craft table with items to sell. Things to donate could include jewelry, holiday and craft items, jams, jellies, garden produce, filled baskets or any other items you would like to donate.

Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, Sept 17th

11:45

2nd Street Grill

28 N 2nd Street



GUY'S PIZZA NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17TH

6:00

ABBY'S PIZZA

4804 TIETON DR





Fall Craft Fair

OCTOBER 10, 2026

9 AM - 2 PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

5606 W. LINCOLN | YAKIMA, WA 98908

• **WE WILL BE SERVING LUNCH** •

SILENT AUCTIONS
for multiple items

HIGHEST BIDDER ANNOUNCED 1:30 PM

VENDORS ARTS & CRAFTS, HOLIDAY
DECOR, BAKED GOODS, FOOD ITEMS &
MUCH MORE



Northwest Intermountain Women of the ELCA

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Advent Lutheran Church, 13009 E. Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA

9:00am – 4:00pm

Come join us for a day of Bible Study, community building, information gathering, stewardship activities and worship.

Provided:

Coffee, juice, rolls, Lunch and snacks

Things to bring:

Bring Silent Auction items to be auctioned off for our Tumaini Girl's Scholarships

If you, a quilting group or a friend has a quilt that we can donate to the fire victims in Spokane bring it with you and we will get it to the best place to distribute them.

Offerings:

Physical offering:

Feminine products to be distributed to local shelters and support groups.

Money offerings:

Half will go to help fire victims in Spokane area

The other half to Women of the ELCA for all things they touch our lives with

There is no registration fee but it would be nice if you would let us know how many are coming for food reasons. Text or email – 208-610-4885 or caroledinning@gmail.com

Speakers

Rev. Holly Gunby:

“Called by God’s grace to Love and Serve”, Rev, Holly Gunby was always drawn to God, the church and loved serving in various ministries. Currently, Rev Holly has been a chaplain at Sacred Heart Medical center for 13 years, finally returning home to Spokane Valley, WA to put down roots. Her start was in Youth and Family ministry, serving Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Boise, ID and Mount Cross in University Place, WA. After attending PLTS, Holly’s first call was to First Lutheran, in Ketchikan, AK followed by Wilbur Lutheran in Wilbur, WA. Her maternal family are charter members of Christ Lutheran, now Advent in the Spokane Valley. Holly loves walking her dog, hiking, reading, scrapbooking and learning to draw and play piano. Her project this summer is to turn her backyard into a dry-scape and creating a walking labyrinth. It should be know that Holly has a large Star Trek Enterprise hanging from her ceiling as she is a huge Star Trek fan.

Rev. Yvette Schock:

Rev. Yvette Schock has served as the Chaplain of Riverview Retirement Community since 2019. Prior to coming to Riverview, she pastored congregations in VA, NY, and WA, connecting each congregation’s ministry with service and justice work in their broader communities. Yvette is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and a child of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Ephrata, WA. Yvette lives in a cohousing community in Spokane with her husband and son, and in her spare time enjoys making things, growing things, reading short stories and long poems, swimming, dancing, and listening to all kinds of music.



LifeChoices
clinic & care center

2026

MIRACLES IN BLOOM

a night for life



YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM, PROGRAM AT 6:00 PM

Join us for an inspiring evening celebrating the lives being changed through Life Choices Yakima and the hope that continues to bloom because of the generosity of our community.

**FEATURING COMEDIAN
SHAWN REYNOLDS**

A dad of SIX, including a son with an incredible adoption story, Shawn Reynolds is an internationally touring speaker & comedian whose Dry Bar Comedy special has amassed millions of views.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

Followed by a silent auction; Italian dinner; program; and live auction!

Registration closes September 25th!

TICKETS
INDIVIDUAL TICKET: \$50
TABLE OF 8: \$400

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE!



Scan for
tickets!

**CHECKS CAN BE
MAILED TO:**
Life Choices
305 S 11th Ave Suite 1
Yakima WA 98901
Memo: Night for Life

FOR QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES CALL LIFE CHOICES AT 509-248-2273



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

- 2nd Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew 18:15-20**
- 6th Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00**
- 7th Labor Day**
- 9th Pastor Chris back from vacation**
- 11th & 12th Yakima Valley Quilters Guild Trunk Sale**
- 13th God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, assemble school kits**
Council Meeting, 11:00
- 15th Worship & Music Meeting, Noon**
- 16th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon**
- 17th Ladies Lunch, 11:45**
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00
- 20th "Mothers & Daughters of the Bible Speak", 11:00**
Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00
- 23rd Magical Mystery Tour, Noon**
- 30th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon**



- 2nd & 3rd 3rd Annual Church Retreat, Camp Ghormley**
- 10th 2nd Annual Craft Bazaar**
- 12th-14th Bishop's Convocation, Lewiston, ID**



- 9th Camp Hope Meal, 5:45**
- TBA Thanksgiving Meal with the Pear Tree Place Vets**

Dates & Times are subject to change

