

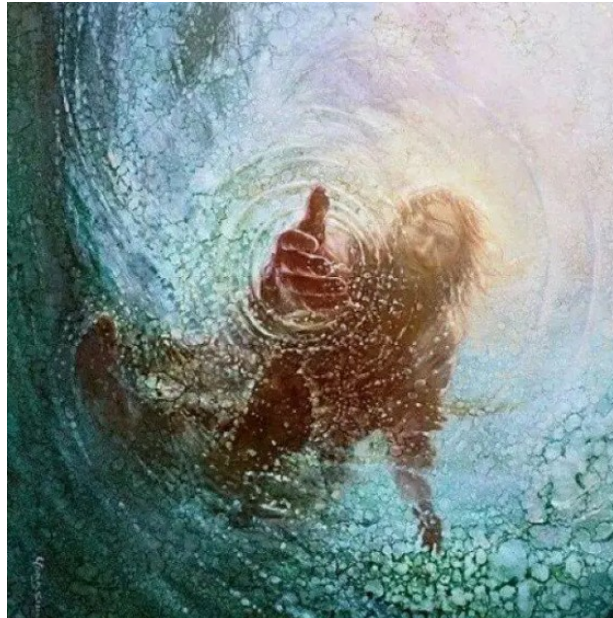
# Love of Christ Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to LOC's Weekly E-News

E-News for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 9th, 2026



### **“A Hand to Catch Us”**

Matthew shares another amazing story of Jesus overcoming the limitations of the law of gravity by walking on water. I don't know if that is the main point of this event. What we read repeatedly is how terrified and afraid the disciples were in the face of a windy storm.

Though dares to venture outside the boat to walk to Jesus, he too, is overwhelmed by the fear of the elements around him. As his focus turns to the rising waves he begins to sink crying out, “Lord, save me!” Thankfully, Jesus comes to the rescue with a hand to catch him.

A story like this may cause all sorts of reaction or trigger memories when the saving hand did not come or rescue. It may also trigger memories when you experience such a saving catch. Matthew offers us an invitation to simply trust in the presence of Jesus in the middle of our frightening circumstances and trust his hand is there to catch us.

# Church Board Meeting

**Love of Christ Board of Directors meet this Tuesday, August 11th at 6PM in the Leadership Room.**

**hos-pi-tal-i-ty** - living thoughtfully and generously towards others to ensure they feel welcome, included, and loved.

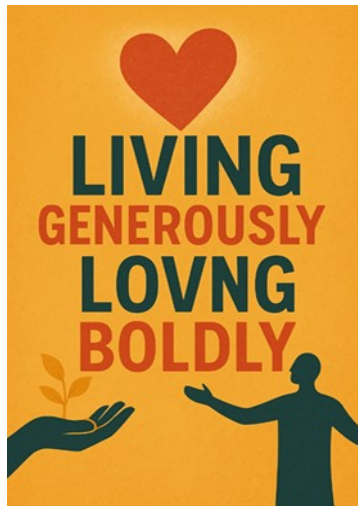
**Our Hospitality Room is open in the Outreach room on Sundays from 8:45AM-10:30AM**  
**Thank you to all the members of this servant-leading team for practicing**  
**extravagant welcome to all!**

## Food Bank

Don't forget our hungry neighbors this summer. We collect donations in boxes outside worship spaces and deliver them bi-weekly to the Lutheran Social Services food pantry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

They always need peanut butter and cereal. For individuals experiencing homelessness, the pantry has requested individual servings of food that doesn't require cooking, such as canned or foil-packed meats, fruit cups, drink boxes, granola bars, etc.

Elizabeth Danielson



### Ready for the Great Wealth Transfer?

Maybe you've heard: The largest wealth transfer in U.S. history is now under way, with \$124 trillion in private wealth projected to change hands by 2048, according to Cerulli Associates. That's a lot of cash, though it isn't all cash. Over the past century, today's elder generations—particularly Baby Boomers and the Silent Generation—have accumulated considerable wealth in many forms, from stocks and croplands to life insurance policies, business equity and beyond. The so-called Great Wealth Transfer will include it all. Millennials and Generation X stand to inherit most of this wealth, **while an estimated \$18 trillion will pass to charities**, per Cerulli.

What does it all mean for you and your family? The answer depends on whether you expect to pass on or inherit wealth of any kind or quantity in the near future. Regardless of net worth, the most effective way to ensure your wealth goes where you want when you're gone—and long before—is to create a plan. Many have found finding a trusted and certified financial planner can be very helpful.

- Update your beneficiaries
- Plan for non-cash assets
- Write things down
- Talk about Taxes



Lutheran Disaster Response is a trusted partner in U.S Communities impacted by Wildfires and Flooding. Learn more or donate at :

<https://www.elca.org/giving/lutheran-disaster-response>



### Music Notes....



Please contact Jung Lee at [jungmusic@locic.org](mailto:jungmusic@locic.org) for how you can be involved with the music program.

**With gratitude and excitement,**  
Jung Lee



### Calling All Bakers

Cookie Ministry is looking for people who like to bake. The Cookie Ministry is part of the Faith in Action programs at Love of Christ. This ministry makes cookies for our various events that are held here on our campus and beyond our campus. If you are interested in baking cookies for this ministry, please contact Eunice Ketterling at [ketts4az@gmail.com](mailto:ketts4az@gmail.com)

### Community Garden News



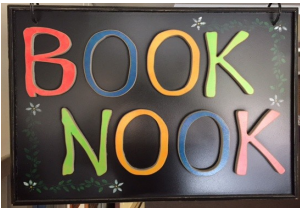
Think about trying out a garden in the fall. We are all learning new things and getting to know new people in the fresh air. Contact Nancy. [Dntoll74@gmail.com](mailto:Dntoll74@gmail.com)



**Naomi Circle will meet on August 10th, at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome—invite your friends!**



## **Book Nook News**



The **Book Nook** is looking for donations of new or used books that you no longer need or want to save. Our book supply has not been replenished for a while, and we are looking for books that would be of interest to people shopping in the Book Nook on Sunday mornings. We are especially looking for novels, nonfiction books, and books of a religious/spiritual nature published within the last 10 years which would be from 2016-2026. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the Book Nook on Sunday morning or they can be dropped off in the church office during weekdays. Barb and I thank you in advance.

Penny Day



The LOC Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 13th at 10:15 am in the Leadership Room (next to the church offices) to discuss **My Friends** by Fredrik Backman.

He has written a number of books that may be familiar to you; **A Man Called Ove**, **Beartown**, and **My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry** to name a few.

Here is a synopsis of **My Friends**:

Louisa, soon to be eighteen years old and an aspiring artist herself, notices three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. She is determined to find out the story behind these three enigmatic figures and embarks on a surprise filled cross country journey to discover how the painting came to be.

More than two decades before, in a distant seaside town, a group of teenagers find refuge from their bruising home lives by spending long summer days on an abandoned pier telling silly jokes, sharing secrets and committing small acts of rebellion. They find in each other a reason to get up every morning.

The friendship of these individuals shapes not only their futures but Louisa's as well.

"The world is full of miracles but none greater than how far a young person can be carried by someone else's belief in them".

Please come join us as we explore **My Friends** on September 13th and be sure to stop on the way at the Hospitality Room for coffee and a treat.

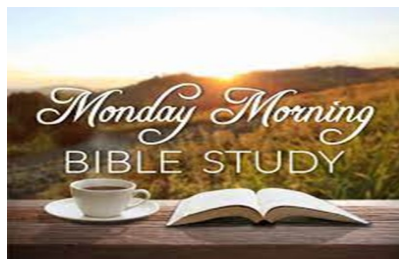
We look forward to seeing you!



**Monday Men's Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians at 6:30-7:30AM in the Leadership Room. Men of all ages are welcome to participate.**



**Online Video introductions provided by our pastors of Sunday Lectionary readings are offered each week. They may be found on Facebook, YouTube or [loveofchristchurch.net](http://loveofchristchurch.net)**



**Monday Morning Bible Study in the Leadership Room  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:30AM, Bible Study at 11AM**



### **Prayer Share Care Women's Bible Study**

All women are invited to a weekly Bible study group called Prayer Share Care. ***This group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM in the Leadership Room.*** Please contact Ruth Leonard or Margrit Aeschbach at the following emails for more information. (Margrit: [mswiss43@gmail.com](mailto:mswiss43@gmail.com) and Ruth: [ruthleonard@icloud.com](mailto:ruthleonard@icloud.com) )



Youth will be meeting on Sunday's for Sunday Morning Hangout beginning August 16th from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Contact Mason Weatherly at [masonw@locic.org](mailto:masonw@locic.org)



### **Confirmation**

**Confirmation Parent and Student Meeting Wed. August 19 at 6:00 pm**

**Confirmation will begin on Wed. August 26, from 6:00-7:00 pm**

### **Faith Food and Fun**



Grades 4,5, and 6 will meet on Sunday, August 9th 3:30-5:00 pm. Please contact Laura Ontiveros ([laurakuegemann@gmail.com](mailto:laurakuegemann@gmail.com)) for more information.



Sunday School will begin on August 30th! Sunday School is offered for ages pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Sunday School takes place in the Godly Playroom. Children come to church with their parents and are dismissed for Sunday School after the Children's Message. They return to worship during Communion. For families that attend 10:30 church Sunday School is offered at 10:00 -10:25. Sunday School takes place in the Godly Playroom. For any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@loclc.org](mailto:nanette@loclc.org)

### **Children and Youth Ministry Summer/Fall Overview for 2026 Save the Dates**

**Children's Musical Wed. Aug. 19 at 6:00 pm**

**Grades 4,5,6 meet Sunday, Aug. 9 3:30-5:00 pm in the CoC**

**Sunday School Begins August 30**

**Youth Sunday Hangout: Begins August 16 at 10:00am in the Youth Room**

**Confirmation Parent and Student Meeting Wed. August 19 at 6:00 pm**

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**Service Opportunities Save the Date! (More to come in Sept.)**

**August/September Serving meals at Christ's Church Respite Center on Fridays.**

**October: Fall Festival October 23, 5:00-7:00 pm**

**November: Feed My Starving Children: Nov. 5,6, and 7 / Gift cards for food banks**

**December: Gifts for kids, Reverse Advent Boxes, and Family Promise**

**Ongoing Donations:**

**August/September: Donations for sack lunches at Christ's Church**

**Shelf stable food for Victory Food Bank and First Evangelical.**



**Water Donation:** Last year we donated water to the City of Mesa and to Grace in the City Lutheran Church. The money that is donated will be sent to these two organizations. If you would like to donate water, please place money labeled "Water Donation" in the offering plate, or go online and specify water donation, or bring a gift card.



# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with making the Cooling Station a success. We had 25 people who were willing to go through volunteer training in order to help the unhoused. We were even given complements by the officers on duty for the organization of the center. Unfortunately, we did not receive many people coming to our center. (a total of four) However, what makes us, Pastor Steve and Pastor Nanette, so excited is that we had people who were willing to try something new.

Through this experience we have learned that we have other opportunities of connecting with other faith communities that are in better locations to help the unhoused. We have learned that we have volunteers, donations, and a praying congregation to help in our next endeavors. And we have people who are willing to see where the Spirit will lead us from the preparations of this trial/experiment.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for, who donated goods, and who volunteered. I would like to also thank the Living Water Cooling Station Team composed of the chair, Charles Martiny, Patti Delaney, Melissa Riner, Cindy Wallin, Hugh Kirchway, and Eliza Brunner.

## **Donation Opportunities**

**Donations needed for sack lunches to be given to Christ's Church respite center and for our own cooling center. Items needed: Tuna or Chicken packs, Vienna Sausage small cans, soft chewy granola bars, boxes of a variety of chips or crackers, boxes of Capri-Sun. These items for sack lunches will be collected throughout the summer. (August-September)**

## **Meals at Christ's Church Respite Center**

Love of Christ is partnering with Christ Church Respite Center, 933 N.Lindsey Rd, which serves members of the Mesa community who need a safe place of rest and support. In addition to our Cooling Center ministry, we will be helping provide meals on Fridays at the Respite Center. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Cindy Wallin ([cgeorgen3199@gmail.com](mailto:cgeorgen3199@gmail.com)) or Melissa Weiss-Riner ([melissa@azfls.com](mailto:melissa@azfls.com)) for more information.

As we did last year we will also be providing sack lunches to Christ's Church Respite Center and for our Cooling Center as well. If you have any questions about this please contact Patti Delaney at [pattidelaney03@gmail.com](mailto:pattidelaney03@gmail.com). Items needed for donation are listed above.

These ministries reflect our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Through simple acts of compassion, hospitality, and service, we have the opportunity to care for our neighbors and share the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Please continue to keep these ministries, our volunteers, and all who seek refuge from the heat, hunger, or hardship in your prayers. May God use these efforts to provide comfort, safety, and a reminder that every person is valued, welcomed, and loved. *We are Called, Gathered, and Sent to share the Love of Christ.*



**Women's Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd at 4:30PM in the Fellowship Hall with a study on Ephesians.**



Watch enews for next Young Adult meeting!

### **Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship with Lutheran Social Services:**

Our Co-Sponsorship Team has been helping a refugee family from Syria. The help that is needed is working with the adults who are learning English. This team is making wonderful progress and forming some beautiful relationships with the family as well. We have provided back to school clothing and backpacks for each of the four children, along with teaching them English. If you are interested in learning more or think you might like to join this team, please contact Chris Norden at

[norden6162@gmail.com](mailto:norden6162@gmail.com)

## BLANKETS FOR KIDS!!!



Questions? Contact Jan Barnett at: [barnett105@gmail.com](mailto:barnett105@gmail.com)

- 2 Methods of finishing the edges of the blankets
- Sewing around the edges
- Crocheting around the edges
- Both methods start the same

Lay Fabric on a table, trim off the Salvage edges of the fleece;

- Sewing around the edges

Fold  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch around the edge ;

Pin the folded edges all around the edge;

Choose a decorative stitch on sewing machine and start sewing

If your machine only does Zig Zag, that is great also.

- Optional--Baste  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of fold around the edge of the fleece with a needle and thread (Optional)

OR

- Just fold the fabric over about  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch and cut very small slits in the fold;
- Slits should be no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch in length and around  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch from the each other
- If you basted around the edges

Remove the basting from the fleece

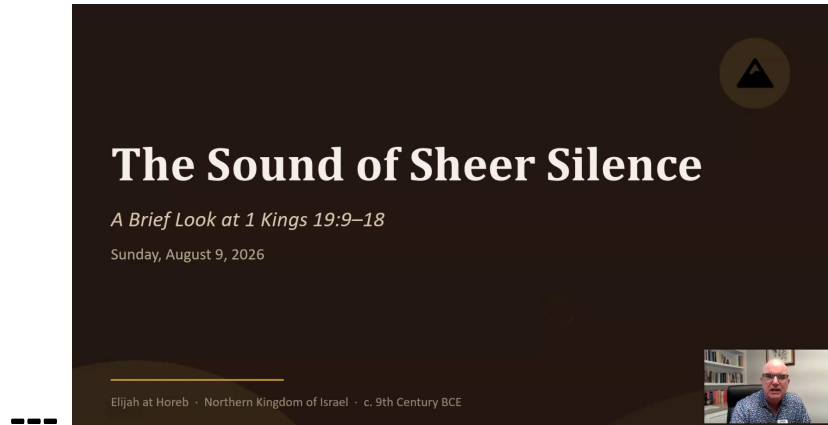
- If you have a rotary cutter, you can purchase wheels that will cut the slits in the fleece material the same distance and the slit created is large enough to slip the crochet hook through. Then follow the remaining directions.
- If you just folded and cut the slits;

Start crocheting around the edge. (I start 6 or 7 inches from the corner of the fleece to make turning the first corner easier.)

1. Start by creating a slipknot.
2. Insert the crochet hook through a slit in the fleece and pull the loop of the slip knot through;
3. Chain 3 times (create a chain by yarning over the hook and pulling it back through the initial loop.); chain only 2 times if you have used the rotary cutter;
4. Push the crochet hook through the slit next to the one just used (back to front) and pull a loop back through the slit. (You will have 2 loops on the crochet hook.)
5. With the 2 loops still on the hook, yarn over the hook and pull through both loops. Now chain 2 more times.
6. Proceed around the fleece using steps 4 and 5.
7. To turn a corner, follow steps 4 and 5, but insert the hook again in the same slit and do 1 chain and then insert the hook again and perform steps 4 and 5, Then you should be on a new side of the blanket and proceed following steps 4 and 5

There is an additional set of slides which have instructions on how to start crocheting. If you do not need those instructions, ignore.

**Scripture Lesson**  
**A Brief Look at 1 Kings 19:9-18**  
**with Pastor Steve Talmage**  
**(14 min)**



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**Website:** <https://www.loveofchristchurch.net/media/series/7vjwfnk/bible-lessons>

**Scripture Lesson**  
**A Brief Look at Matthew 14:22-33**  
**with Pastor Steve Talmage**  
**(12 min)**



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Sunday, August 9th, 2026, 7:50 am, 9 and 10:30,

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## Pastor Nanette Christofferson "A Hand to Catch Us"

### 1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

### Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is

no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

### Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."