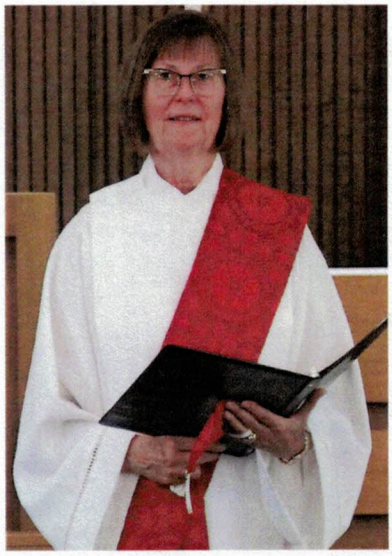
Christ Lutheran Church

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.



The Invitation to Lent, spoken on Ash Wednesday, opens with these words:" Today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ renewed." The word "Lent"comes from an old English word meaning "lengthening days." However, Lent is not mentioned nor implied in the Bible. It has become a tradition developing slowly over the first several centuries of the early church. In the beginning, the early Christians prepared to celebrate Easter by fasting for the three days prior, marking the time between the death of Jesus and his resurrection. It was a way for them to prepare their hearts for Easter. Later Lent became the time of preparation for baptism. Much of our prayers of intercession and Ash Wednesday services are steeped with baptismal language.

We begin our Lenten journey on a humble note with an imprint of ashes on our foreheads in the form of a cross. This visible cross is to remind us of our own mortality and our dependence on God when we hear the words "Remember, we are dust and unto dust we shall return."

Lent is 40 days, not including Sundays. Forty is a significant number in the Bible – Moses waited on Mt. Sinai for 40 days before receiving the commandments (Exodus 34:28) , the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years (Exodus 16:35), Elijah walked 40 days to meet God at Mt. Horeb (1Kings 19:8), and Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness before his temptation (Mark 1:13). Sundays are not include as fast days since celebration, not fasting, should characterize every Sunday – the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

Lent is about our relationship with Jesus, spending time thinking about life, death, relationships, faith and Jesus in these 40 days. As we begin our reflective season of Lent, I pray that you find new ways to meet Jesus. Find a good Lenten devotional, including one from Lutheran World Hunger, to help you. Join together on Wednesday evenings for soup, bread, and a movie. Come to worship services on the Sundays in Lent. There will be other resources available in the coming weeks.

Turn back to God with all your heart and let God embrace you as the beautiful beloved person that you were created to be. Take time this Lent to know, feel, see, taste, and touch the goodness of God.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of this season. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout the coming 40 days. Amen

Blessings,

Deacon Kathy

Thoughts from your Council President

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we move into spring, we find ourselves filled with joy as the days get warmer and longer. I think this is similar to the feeling we have on Sundays at worship. I think we can all feel the joy that is in the building. Last Sunday we had the Worship Team leading us and the music was amazing and so joyful. We have had great sermons from our supply pastors and just great worship services over all. It is so nice to see so many smiling eyes (hopefully we will be seeing everyone's smiles soon)!

I so appreciate and give thanks to everyone for doing their part to make Christ Lutheran a valuable part of this community. I want to thank Deacon Kathy for keeping everything running so smoothly. I want to thank the members of the Call committee for stepping up and taking on this very important service to our congregation. We now have an Ad Hoc committee to move forward to make our fellowship hall a more joyous space for us to gather in. If you would like to join this group, please let myself or Deacon Kathy know. I want to thank Sheri for keeping our Facebook page fresh and interesting. Also the Christian Growth committee for making our reader board so relevant and entertaining. These are our daily outreach tools that we have and it is a joy to have them.

One of our other outreaches that we have is our service to the people at Camp Hope. Having this ministry, I feel really brings joy to us for being able to help others in our community. Thanks to Janet and Norm for leading us in this ministry and to everyone who helped provide and serve the meal.

As we head into Lent, we have some great activities planned. To get things kicked off on the right foot we will be having our traditional "Shrove Tuesday" pancake feed on March 1st starting at 5:30. Please plan to attend and see a miracle happen right before your eyes! I'm talking about men in the kitchen cooking and cleaning! Yes miracles do happen....but just once a year. Please let Deacon Kathy know if you would like a ride. Someone would be happy to pick you up. Also on Wednesdays beginning on March 9th we will be bringing back the soup & bread meals starting at 5:30. After the meal we will watch an episode of a show called "The Chosen" which is about the life of Jesus and his disciples. There will be a sign up if you would like to bring soup or bread. Also let Deacon Kathy know if you would like a ride to these events.

Let us move forward in joy and love as we learn what God has planned for us.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Andy Sauer

Council President

From Bishop Kristen

To God's Beloved People,

The Northwest Intermountain Synod has come to the end of our fiscal year, and we are writing to thank you for your faithfulness in sharing mission support to enable our work.

It was a rough year for many of our congregations, which translates into a rough year for our synod—a reality that was not unexpected, but causes the Synod Council to take serious consideration to the synod budget, much like congregational councils are forced to take serious consideration to their budgets. In these days, it's part of our life together.

This reality makes us even more grateful for your support. We know that hard conversations were had in Sunday School classrooms, fellowship halls, fireside rooms & Zoom gatherings as you struggled to make money go further. We know that every dollar of mission support you send on to the synod could have easily gone to many other ministries and still not have been enough to meet the needs that the last few years have brought to our communities.

Please know that we are working hard to make sure the mission support you share with the synod is utilized in ways that help support the health, vitality, and well-being of congregations in our synod, our region's campus ministries, our churchwide partners and many others.

It can be challenging to remain hopeful in days like these. But know that I have every confidence that God continues to be with us and continues to work in mysterious ways to use us to support the ministries that we need and love. It is clear, however, that radical adaptation will need to be part of any plans we make for our future.

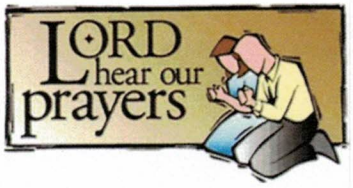
This is the work that we will do together as congregations, clusters, synods, regions, and a national church. It will be fearful work if we put our faith into rows of numbers on spreadsheets. It will be an exercise in trust if we enter into the work with a spirit of curiosity, "What is God up to in the world? In our synod? In my church?" It will be easier if we remind one another that numbers only tell one story, and that while it's an important story: it's not the only story our churches tell. Nor should it be.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness—financial and otherwise—in these days. May we make this journey together, with a spirit of curiosity & gratitude in the knowledge that we are not alone.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bishop Kristen Kuempel

In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns *(Please keep these people and their concerns in your prayers)*

Suzanne Brown
Lane Hannas
Lana McDowell
Bob Rassmussen
Jay Jefferies
The friends & family of Sally Joly

Tim Schultz
Richard Buse
Tanya Gravil
Judy Aman
Dave Zanger

Mark Brown
Debby Kazak
Ben Lake
Sandra Dykes
Diane Cooley

Serving Our Country

Taylor Bunker - USN
Brian Eling - USA
Chris Wendt - National Guard
David Carlson
Luke Harper
Justin Hughes - USA

March Birthdays & Anniversarys

4th Cheryl Sauer
6th Dan Murphy
6th Matthew Sauer
14th Tadd Mick
19th Sylvia Vanourek
25th Avis Hatheway

23rd Jim & Kathy Sebree

Sunday Morning Servers

2nd	Lector – Preaching—Deacon Kathy	Worship Assistant-	Usher— Wes Wilson
6th	Lector — Preaching—Pastor Gary Rohde	Worship Assistant–Deacon Kathy Snacks-	Usher -JD Sundseth
13th	Lector- Presiding-Ann Adams	Worship Assistant- Snacks-	Usher-
20th	Lector - Worship Team Sunday	Worship Assistant-Deacon Kathy Snacks-	Usher- JD Sundseth
27th	Lector- Preaching—	Worship Assistant– Snacks-	Usher-

SERVANTS OF GOD

Time to Update the Directory

Have you noticed the date on your last paper directory? Do you have your latest directory? This month's theme is making all things new again and now is the time for the directory. Sue Stewart and Suzanne Brown will be working on this project. They are asking that you look at your information on the directory in the narthex and make any necessary changes. You may also contact Sue directly via email (suestewart0631@hotmail.com) or her home phone (509-966-0361). Thank you for your help.

Guy's Night Out

March 17th at 7:00

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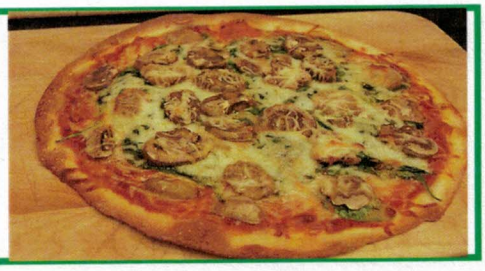


Gals' Lunch Out

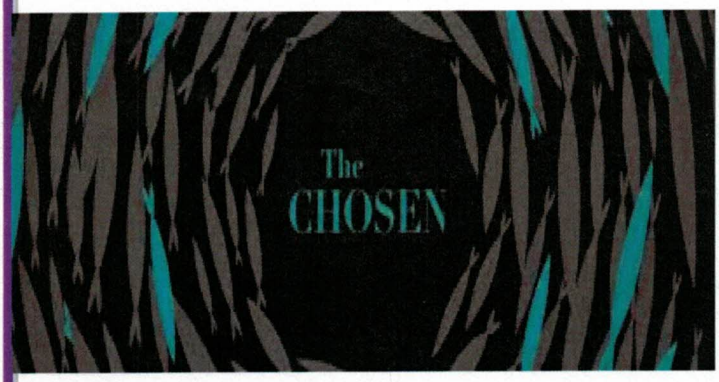
March 17th, "Gals' Lunch Day Out"! The next lunch will be at 11:45 at El Mirador II at 1601 E. Yakima Ave. Come enjoy laughter and friendship!

March 1st—Shrove Tuesday complete with a pancake feed prepared by the men. Join them at 5:30 to indulge in pancakes and sausage. A freewill offering will be collected going toward Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts

March 2nd– Ash Wednesday services at 6:00.

The Christian Growth committee decided that it was time to bring back the Soup and Bread Suppers that are a typical Wednesday night event during Lent. These meals will begin at 5:30 each Wednesday night, beginning on the 9th. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex to make soup and/or bread for one of these nights. After the meal, we will watch an episode of "The Chosen", followed by discussion on the episode.

In case you haven't heard about it, "The Chosen" is a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. It is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus portraying Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him". The first season introduces Jesus and the calling of his initial disciples.

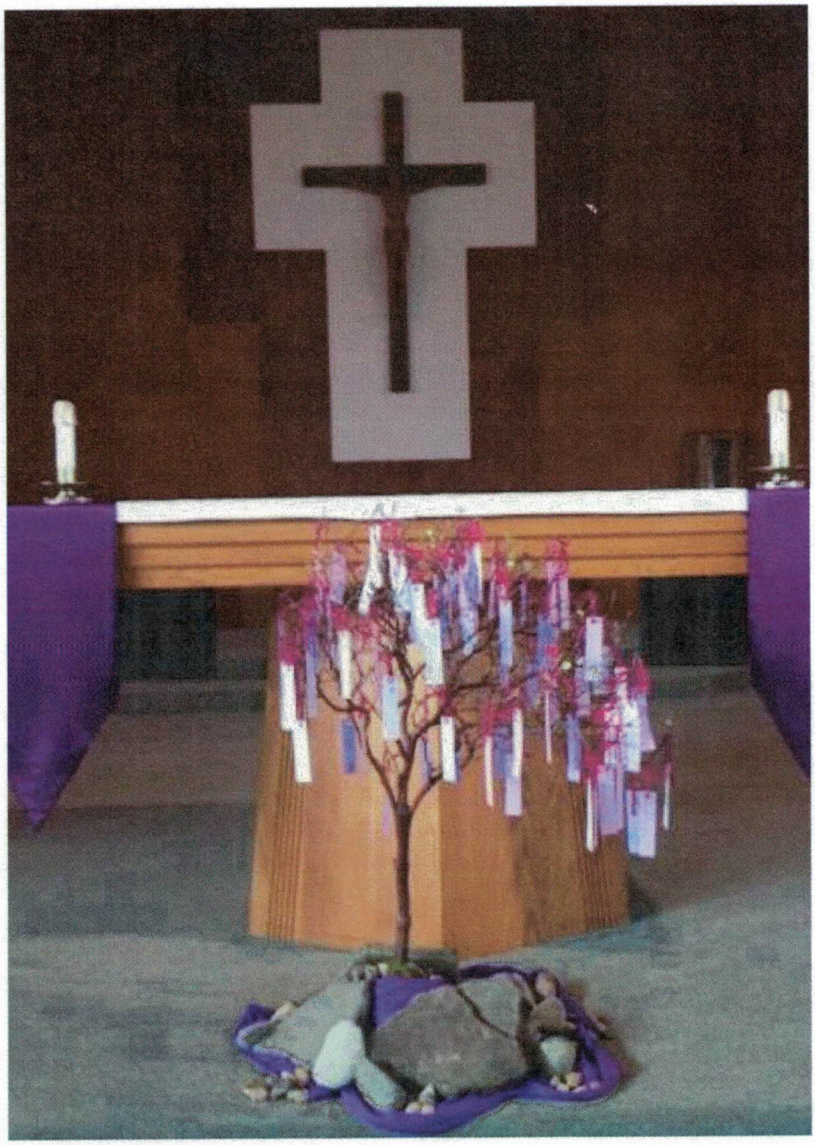


Although the show has an evangelical tendency, there are consultants from three Christian faith traditions providing input. Acting as consultants are Messianic rabbi Jason Sobel from Fusion Global Ministries, Catholic priest and national director of Family Theater Productions Father David Guffey, and professor of New Testament at Biola University Dr. Doug Huffman. They review scripts and provide facts or context on the biblical, cultural, and socio-political history of the storyline.

The opening credits of the first episode include the following: "The Chosen is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. However, all biblical and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures. Viewers are encouraged to read the gospels. The original names, locations and phrases have been transliterated into English for anything spoken."

Join us each Wednesday night at 5:30 for good food, good fellowship, an interesting video to make us think and wonder, and the discussion that is bound to follow.

LENTEN PROMISE TREE

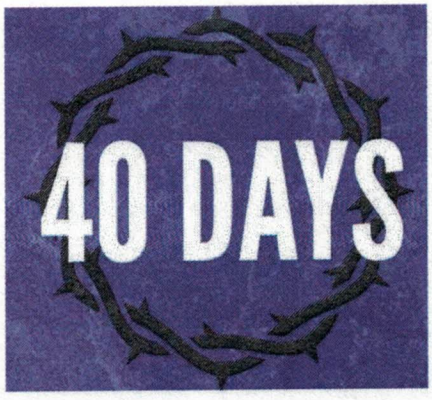


What is it all about?

In our planning of the tree, we realize that this season of Lent encompasses so many important opportunities to purify our hearts, to simplify our lives, and to grow closer to Jesus. During Lent we wanted to give our members a focal point to bring their promises, as reminders of what this season is about. We want this tree to stand in our community, guiding our way along our communal and personal journeys.

We invite everyone to come and read some of the slips on the tree. We hope and pray that our Lenten Promise Tree will help all of our parishioners and guests to remember what this season is all about: opening our hearts to Jesus, striving to grow in our relationship with him, and unifying us all in our Lenten mission!

Some examples of Lenten promises:



- Give up worry – trust in the Lord
- Be positive – give up negativity
- Stop complaining – focus on gratitude
- Give up gossiping – control your tongue
- Be more patient – pray to abolish your anger
- Don't be jealous – pray for trust
- Give up harsh judgements – think kind thoughts
- Do one kind deed a day as a servant of the Lord
- Make specific sacrifices: Give up social media; give up candy; give up soda or coffee; give up Netflix or other programming.

Lent in a Bag: An Activity for Church or Home

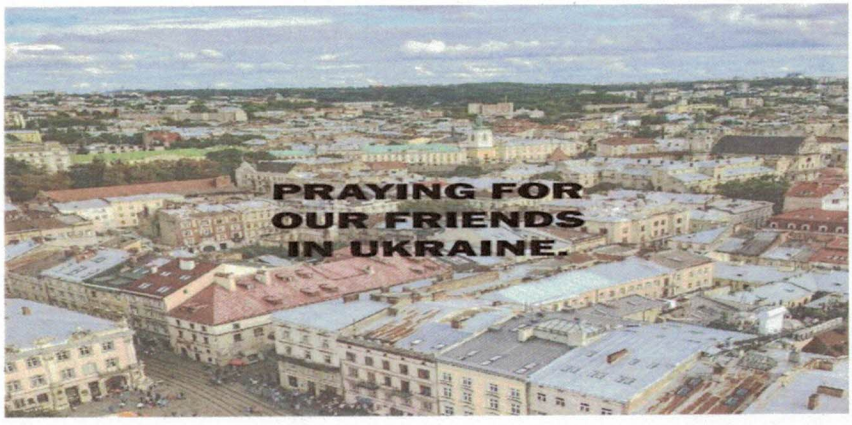
"Might there be a stony place in you that needs transforming? Some attitude or habit that, with a little attention, might even become a gift for you and others?"

What is Lent in a Bag?

We have discovered that distributing small bags – cloth, paper, or ziplock bags – with symbols of the season assists individuals and families in practicing Lent at home. In addition to the items in the bag, we include instructions and reflections (on purple paper of course) to go with each item.

Lenten Offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief

The Social Ministry committee has selected Lutheran Disaster Response to be the recipient of our Lenten offering. Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Some of the areas they assist are U.S. Wildfires, Hurricane Response, Haiti Crisis, Afghan Humanitarian Crisis, Asia-Pacific Disaster Response, U.S. Severe Storms, Middle East Crisis, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), U.S. Flooding, South Sudan Relief, Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis, and AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors.



Gracious God, we ask that you would make your presence known. First, make your presence known for the people of Ukraine. Protect them, comfort them and surround them with your love. We also pray for all soldiers that find themselves in harms way. We pray that peace can come without any additional loss of life. You are a God of peace, so let that peace reign. Let in reign in all corners of the earth. We pray for all world leaders. Bring wisdom, bring clarity and bring unity. Finally, we pray for all people in our world. Allow us to see that unity and love is the better way. Allow all people to see the incredible value in all people. Jesus, we turn to you because nothing else will do. We pray all if this, and anything else on our hearts and minds, in your name.
Amen.

Remember to "Spring Ahead"
on Saturday the 12th!

THANK YOU!

Christ Lutheran Church's 2022 Collection

raised:

$378

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 Christian Growth 12:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed 5:30 Support Meeting 7:00	2 Ash Wednesday Services 6:00	3	4	5
6 Pastor Gary Rohde Faith, Fitness & Fellowship	7	8 Council Meeting 7:00	9 Soup & Bread Dinner 5:30	10 Social Ministry Meeting 1:00	11	12 Turn Your Clocks Ahead Tonight
13 Ann Adams Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 Women's Bible Study 11:00 - Hagar	15	16 Worship & Music Meeting 12:00 Soup & Bread Dinner 5:30	17 Ladies Lunch 11:45 El Mirador 2 Worship Team Practice 6:00 Guy's Night, 7:00 Abby's	18	19 Quilters 10:00
20 Worship Team Faith, Fitness & Fellowship First Day of Spring	21	22	23 Soup & Bread Dinner 5:30	24	25	26
27 Pastor Chris Peterson	28 Women's Bible Study 11:00 - Dinah & Tamar	29	30 Soup & Bread Dinner 5:30	31	1	2
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