



## 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.**



Dear Friends,

I can't believe that it's already September. I don't remember summers going this quickly; next thing we know it's Thanksgiving and Christmas. Looking back on the summer of 2023, a lot of great things happened here: of the many things certainly our VBS and National Night Out were wonderful community building events. And we pray that we were able to show God's love and grace. September is also the conclusion of our series on the Minor Prophets. I hope like me you saw that they aren't that minor. They spoke God's word back then to the people and their message speaks into our times as well. It's a good reminder to us that the Bible is big and these books that maybe we're not inclined to read are still relevant to our lives. To warn you: I might go rogue again sometime and we'll examine more of these less-read parts of God's Word.

This Fall we'll continue with the weekly Wednesday study at noon. If you've never been please, try it out. I offer 100% money back guarantee that you will learn something new. Also, the Fall is when we talk about Stewardship and how it relates to our faith in Jesus. We've been blessed and are able to give blessings to others. I want to thank everyone for a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing what God has planned for us next.

Peace

In His Name,

Pastor Chris

Summertime is when life runs at a different pace. In July, we watch our gardens grow, waiting for the first fruits and vegetables. In August, we celebrate the ability to finally pick a fresh tomato that we grew. By the end of August, we are finding people to enjoy our abundance. Growing up, July and August were long days watching combines and wheat trucks going past our house with Dad coming in dirty and worn out from driving the tractor. Late August meant a fun-filled few days in Spokane to relax and school shopping.

September means to start getting back into a regular rhythm to our days. Harvest is almost over, the days are getting shorter, and the nights are starting to get cooler. For many, September is also a time for new beginnings. I found an article that spoke about the Jewish observance of Rosh Hashanah, "Head of the Year" which occurs the middle of September. This observance celebrates the sovereignty of God, the creation of humankind, and the relationship between them. Their celebrations include breaking the ritual fast with an apple dipped in honey and wishes for a sweet new year.

This new beginning is followed 10 days later by Yom Kippur, the Day of Repentance, pairing the start of a new year with careful self-examination, penitence, and atonement for wrongdoing. We all need to start fresh periodically, reexamining our choices, and habits, taking responsibility for the ways we have fallen short, reflecting on what went well and what needs to be improved. I know I need to spend time with God in prayer and self-reflection, a time to listen to where He is leading me next.

This article stated that the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called the "Days of Awe". Is it because we reflect on our mistakes and realize that in a new beginning, we have another chance to get it right or that we find that new path? Recognizing our faults and accepting responsibility for them helps to make us better people, making a better new start at whatever we undertake.

I pray that you find that time this fall to do some self-reflection. And I pray that we are able as a congregation to do the same, listening to God for direction and purpose in our lives together.

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

*God's Peace*

*Deacon Kathy*



Please join Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1106 Taylor St., Sunnyside on September 24<sup>th</sup> for their 70th Anniversary. Lunch will be at 1:00. RSVP to 509-837-4550 by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

# *In Our Hearts and Minds...*



## Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

Jackie Larson	Linda Uecker	Kodi
Elisabeth Dunbar	Marty	Cal Bosch
Jim Sund	Cindy Lane	Sarah
Julietta	Charlie	Tim Schultz
Laura Klippert	Keikue Lugo, Shawn, & Armando	Tony Heckert
Ken Osborne	Mary & John DeBroeck	Reese, Emily, & Stella
Gina Hunter & Family	David Lundy	Ena
Terry Stolley	Travis Watkins	Morgan
Beth Rood		
Friends & Family of Bill Harrison		

*(Please help us keep this up to date and let us know when prayers have been answered.).*

## Serving Our Country

Taylor Bunker - USN	David Carlson
Brian Eling - USA	Luke Harper
Chris Wendt - National Guard	Justin Hughes – USA
Hannah & Nick Brown—USAF	



	<u>Worship Asst</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Sept 3rd:		Jim Sund	JD Sundseth/Jim Eling	Sue Stewart
Sept 10th		Lori, Jim, Sheri		Nancy
Sept 17th		Beth	JD Sundseth/Jim Eling	
Sept 24th				
Altar Guild:	Laura Larson & Kathy Sebree			
Counters:	Janet Frank & Heidi Taylor			
Thank you!				

# CELEBRATIONS

## *September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*14th Jim Sund*

*21st Bob Rasmussen*

*27th Kathy Sebree*

*Darlene Smith*



*18th Gilbert & Patsy Lake*

*20th Richard & Evelyn Roberts*



### **September Scripture Readings:**

Sept 3rd	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalms 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
	Sermon Reading:	Malachi		
Sept 10th	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalms 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Sept 17	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalms 103:1-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sept 24th	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalms 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16



**Guy's Night Out**  
**September 21st at 6:00**  
**Abby's Pizza**  
**4808 Tieton Drive**

### *Gals' Lunch Out*

*September 21st*

*11.45*

*901 W Yakima Ave., Suite 6B*



Jean Kock left behind some items that we didn't want to just give away. It has been suggested that we hold a church yard sale for those items and any other items you would like to donate for the sale. The money raised will go for property improvements. The date has been set for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nancy Rasmussen for more details and offers to help coordinate the sale.



Would you be interested in serving on the Stewardship Drive Committee? This is a short-term commitment but a very vital part of our church. It involves setting dates for our annual drive and choosing a program to follow. Please contact either Pastor Chris or Deacon Kathy if you are willing to serve.





## Summer Activities



Christ Lutheran Church  
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