

MISSION STATEMENT

Called by God to

Worship, Learn and

Nurture; Sent to

Serve and Tell

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.



We had a wonderful Harvest Dinner last Sunday. Delicious food and great fellowship. I also think I proved my point when we played Bingo that winning isn't the most important thing in the world. It's about how you handle yourself when success isn't immediate.

There is a lot to celebrate this November. On the 11th we will be giving thanks for our veterans by providing food and warm clothes. We will also be serving at Camp Hope on Monday the 13th to share a meal with the people there. Then on November 19th as a congregation we will being showing our gratitude to Christ for this church and how are faith is nurtured here through our yearly pledge commitment.

November is definitely a month of thanks, we in fact have a whole day named that.

What is Thanksgiving for: eating, being together with friends and family, or football? All those things happen during Thanksgiving, but that's not what Thanksgiving means. Thanksgiving is a holiday started by Christians who celebrated that God is good. The basic Christian attitude is thanks and gratitude. If being thankful to God isn't the motivation for all we do our faith gets distorted: either we love God out of a sense of fear or because what God can give us. Being thankful is not a sentimental emotion, it shapes our emotions and our actions. Thankfulness is the most accurate way to recognize the presence of God in someone's life. Grateful people are not self centered, they do not whine, or are negative about their circumstances. Everyday Christ has blessed us with something we can be thankful for.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

During this time of year, people in our country begin to focus on their many blessings. We see it here in our own congregation. We will begin to search our hearts for the ways that God has blessed us, and ask what God is calling us to do. We've been raising money to purchase food for the Veterans at Pear Place. We will be serving a meal at Camp Hope later this month. And many of us are making our plans for Thanksgiving dinners with friends and family.

We are fortunate to have a Northwest Harvest location here in Yakima, building partnerships in the community to get food where it's needed most. Northwest Harvest allows people to access food with respect, dignity, and individual agency. The recently completed Fruitvale Community Market allows shoppers to do just that. This is a no-cost grocery store that provides fresh produce, proteins/meats, ready-to-eat foods, pantry staples and more. Customers shop at Fruitvale Community Market just like any other grocery store. This market is open to all. People can shop there without the requirement of ID, proof of income or proof of residency.

The Fruitvale Market is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Besides groceries, the Market offers a variety of services from public agencies including healthcare, housing, legal, and more.

Volunteers are the heart, soul, and engine of Northwest Harvest and they are always looking for dedicated volunteers. Volunteers help sort and repack bulk food into family-sized portions for distribution to partner food banks, meal programs, and high-need schools in Central Washington. Donations of time and effort really do add up, and it's amazing to see how much can be accomplished in a two-hour shift. Over the years, we have had several members serve as volunteers. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact their Volunteer Team at 509-598-7008 or go to their website, www.northwestharvest.org. Please consider if you would like to be a part of providing access to the nutritious food needed and wanted to make others thrive.

"O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen."

God's Peace

Deacon Kathy





In Cur Hearts and Minds...



<u>Continuing Prayer Concerns</u> (Please keep these people and their concerns in your prayers)

Jackie Larson Linda Uecker Kodi

Marty Cal Bosch Jim Sund
Cindy Lane Sarah Charlie

Tim Schultz Laura Klippert Ken Osborne

Mary & John DeBroeck Reese, Emily, & Stella Gina Hunter & Family

David Lundy Terry Stolley Morgan

Beth Rood Albert John Whitcomb

Jaden Shaw Olivia Craig Ryder

Rebecca Lance Sharon Powers

Carla Case Linda & Richard Sherry

Elisabeth Dunbar Friends & Family of Gary

(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

Hannah & Nick Brown—USAF

Justin Hughes – USA

Ian Dunbar—USMC





	Lector	Ushers	Greeter	<u>Snacks</u>
Nov 5th	Tag Team	JD Sundseth, Jim Eling	Paula Arndt	Paula Arndt
Nov 12th		The Sauers	Alisa Peterson	The Sauers
Nov 19th	Richard Roberts	JD Sundseth, Jim Eling	Sue Stewart	Consecration Lunch
Nov 26th	Heidi Taylor		Nancy Rasmussen	Heidi Taylor

Altar Guild:

Counters: Norm Frank & Jay Carroll Thank you for your willingness to serve!

CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Joan Jangard

13th Charlotte Abercrombie





14h Darold & Laura Larson

16th Brad & Sheri Bissell

19th Bob & Ethel Rasmussen



November Scripture Readings:

Nov 5th	Micah 3:5-12	Psalm 43	1 Thess. 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Nov 12th	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov 19th	Zeph. 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 26th	Ezek 34:11-16;20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

November 5th—All Saints Sunday

November 26th—Christ the King Sunday

Consecration Sunday Is Coming, November 19th

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club

who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

The Stewardship Committee



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Christ Lutheran Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive on Tuesday, November 28th from 11:30 - 4:30.

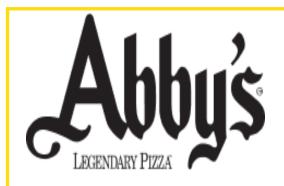
Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

We will also need a few people willing to check in people that day.

Mrs. McElroy was teaching the Sunday school fifth graders about being good stewards of what God has given us. 'Next week I want you to bring something that you have too much of,' she told them. A voice from the back asked, 'Can I bring my little sister?' Paul M. Strom, Menominee, MI from "Laughing with Lutherans"







Guy's Night Out
November 16th
7:00
Abby's Pizza
4808 Tieton Drive

Gals' Lunch Out November 16th 11.45

Powerhouse Grill 3807 River Road



Thank you everyone for supporting our Veterans with your donations and your time. Join us on **Saturday, November 11th at 12:30** for a Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving Lunch with our veterans at Pear Place Housing. We will be asking people to bring a soup, salad, rolls, or dessert. This fellowship is so important to the vets who live at Pear Place. It is the one thing that we hear time after time. If you would like a ride, please let the office know. Come be a part of that fellowship.

We will also be giving each of them food supplies to tide them through the end of November and into December. If you would like to help shop for the food, please let Kathy know. If you would like to add a few items to your own shopping list, we purchase things such as macaroni & cheese, canned soups, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, noodles, and rice. We also

purchase a amount of Ray's Meats their boxes.



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CLC again plans to send 'Hope for the Holidays'

Year after year, our amazing Lutheran church communities across the country come together to share hope with those seeking safety in the United States. We at Christ Lutheran once again have the opportunity to join in those efforts. With a simple message of hope in a Christmas card, we can help immigrant families know that someone, somewhere in America cares.

The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), a part of our national church organization since 1939, is sponsoring its tenth "Hope for the Holidays" program this holiday season. Why? Because this year alone, the LIRS and its network of supporters report that they have welcomed thousand of new "Americans," individuals and families, seeking safety in our country, including Afghans and Ukrainians. "Our new neighbors have persevered through incredible challenges to get here – and while many are no longer in immediate danger, they are still navigating life in their new communities and the legal challenges of their asylum status," writes Dan Beirne, LIRS director for Mobilization and Faith Relations. "Many have not been or will not be able to reunite with their families. The challenges of their journeys are not over."

By participating in Hope for the Holidays, we are extending a touch of hope and humanity to folks who still find themselves in a situation of painful waiting and uncertainty. Join us after services on **Sunday, November 26th for a "card writing" party**. We will have refreshments and plenty of coffee, and Christmas cards to spread a little Hope for the Holidays. We will have a list of suggested greetings in both English and Spanish – either is OK – as well as appropriate Bible verses in English and/or Spanish. You can include those in a Christmas card, or you can write your own greeting. Anything hopeful will help.

If you have questions or want further information, visit <u>LIRS.org/hope</u> online or email, contact Deacon Kathy, or write Jean Raabe (<u>jeanraabe@gmail.com</u>) or Gordon Koestler (<u>oldgrizz66@gmail.com</u>).





Christ Lutheran will once again be serving a meal at Camp Hope on **Monday, November 13th**. Janet Frank and Suzanne Brown are planning a warm, nutritious meal. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal that evening. Please gather at the Camp Hope location, 2300 E Birch St, at 5:45 that evening. It is a heart-warming way to serve our neighbors.

For the next few months, we will have a box available in the library that you can place warm clothing to be donated to Camp Hope. They can use socks, hats, gloves, scarves, gently used coats in a variety of sizes, including children. Warm bedding would be appreciated also.

One other note, the grant money we received in 2022 is dwindling. More funds are needed to keep this a part of Christ Lutheran's mission. Please donate to the Camp Hope fund. Thank you.





FALL HARVEST DINNER



