

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.**

He Makes All Things New

Isaiah 43:19 NLT *"For I am about to **do something new**. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."*

God is telling the Israelites that despite all their spiritual failures, His mercy abounds to them. He will bring them back from their captivity in Babylon and pour out His love on them. God was taking them on a **new journey**. He had made a way for them before when He brought them out of Egypt and He would do it again but in a new way. God promises new beginnings for us too. He didn't want the Israelites to stay stuck in the past; discouraged and lost. He doesn't want us to do the same either. He can create rushing rivers in our dry wastelands and clear paths through our darkest forests.

As I was looking for a New Year inspiration, I found this devotion on the Busy Blessed Women website (<https://busyblessedwomen.com/new-beginnings-in-the-bible>). This makes me think of the future of Christ Lutheran. God is preparing to take us on a new journey. God is promising us new beginnings and doesn't want us to get stuck in the past.

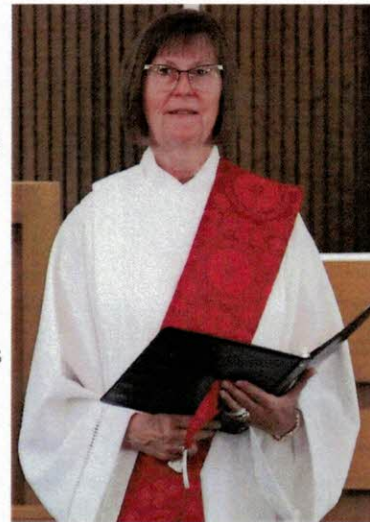
As we move forward in the call process, we will be asked to reflect on what we do well and where we need to improve. Give prayerful consideration to these questions and answer them truthfully when asked. We need to be honest with ourselves so that we can hear where God is leading us.

After identifying the areas for improvement, we need to work together as a congregation to make a concerted effort to change. One area that I know that needs improvement is the involvement of all our members. The good things we do will mean nothing if we can't involve more members in the planning and the completion. The committee members will burn out and the ministries will disappear. As a leader in the church, I will work on equipping others for the work of our ministries by discovering more about each of you and matching your interests with needs of our congregation. I will also reach out to council and other leaders to help me in this task. This equipping will build a strong, diverse community called the body of Christ.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12 *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone."* Everyone of us has a place and a role in our congregation. God is active in our world and in Christ Lutheran Church. Help discover how God is making all things new through our fellowship.

May the Lord bring you a blessed New Year

Deacon Kathy



Thoughts from your Council President

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord" Psalms 27:14

As we move into the new year, we will experience our share of waiting. We will need to be strong together and patient as we wait to see where the Lord leads us. There will be parts of the journey that we will have some control over and other parts that we do not, but it is a journey we will do together as a church family.

We will be starting 2022 without a pastor to lead us into the new year. While this will be out of the ordinary for us it is also an opportunity for us to refocus on what, we the church, want our mission to be. Congregations need to discern what is important to them and what their mission should be. It is easy to expect the pastor to do that for us but that is not their job....it is our job. During the next few months, we will be working to discern what is important to us so that the Call Committee has the information and tools that they will need to find a pastor that will help us to reach our goals as a congregation.

We will elect the 6 members of the Call Committee on January 30th immediately after our Semi-Annual Congregational meeting. Please give thoughtful consideration about if you would like to serve on this committee. If you feel called to serve on this committee, please let Deacon Kathy or myself know before January 30th.

I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to keep things running during this time of transition. Christ Lutheran Church does so many great things in our community, and I feel that we are truly needed in Yakima. Whatever the new year brings us we can know that it is God's will for us.

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

Andy Sauer

Council President



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Last month the Support Committee and Council made us aware that our respective offerings had reached a level where it would be challenging to meet our CLC bills as they became due. Thank you for your response. We are pleased to report that our offerings for the month of December were such that we have been and will be able to meet our financial obligations through the month of December. Again, thank you. Let's keep it up as we go into the new year. A bright, new, future is ahead of us. Let's meet the challenges with excitement and enthusiasm as we, as Christ Lutheran, move forward in this call process. Hope everyone had a great Christmas, and we wish all a happy new year.

CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays

2nd Patrick Butterfield

12th Gilbert Lake

14th Kristopher Bosch

14th Taylor Bosch

14th Suzanne Brown

17th JD Sundseth

18th Dan Guiland



HELP WANTED - STILL NEEDING!!!

Needed: 4 families/people willing to feed the hungry once a year. Also needed: 4 families/people willing to provide desserts for the hungry once a year. No prior experience needed – just willing hands and ability to cook!

For a few years, Christ Lutheran has been joining with Central Lutheran to provide a meal to Camp Hope. We provide that meal once every three months. We are scheduled to cook on February 14th. Jan Frank has taken over this project after Jean Raabe began the ministry. Although she has provided the meals with grace and love, she is ready to share with others. Would you be willing to plan, cook and help serve a meal once a year? The meals don't have to be elaborate since the facilities are limited. They just need to be nourishing.

Donations of money are also appreciated because the groceries needed do add up. Christ Lutheran has applied for some grant money. However, financial support from our members will reinforce how this mission is important to our congregation.

Please contact either Jan Frank or Kathy Sebree if you feel Jesus calling you to feed the hungry.

In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

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| Marlee Price | Troy Frostad | Jeri Bradford |
| Maddy Lake | Brian Hunter | Jim Gwartney |
| Pastor Joel Martin | Ron Gregson | Jax Turner |
| John Oord | Sean Duffey | Laura Burda |
| Susan Zanger | The Adam Burke Family | The Eddie Miles Family |
| The Carroll Family | The Barbara Paxton Family | |

(Please help us keep this up to date and let us know when prayers have been answered and no longer needed)

Serving Our Country

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



Sunday Morning Servers

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| 2nd | Lector – | Worship Assistant– | Usher – |
| 9th | Lector —Elisabeth Dunbar | Worship Assistant | Usher – |
| 16th | Lector - | Worship Assistant-Deacon Kathy | Usher- |
| 23rd | Lector- | Worship Assistant– | Usher- |
| 30th | Lector– | Worship Assistant- Deacon Kathy | Usher- |



From your CLC Committees

Angel Tree Thank You

Once again, the generosity of the people of Christ Lutheran Church has touched the lives of two struggling families. These families are part of Both families were recently reunited together. One of the caseworkers chosen as the Christ Lutheran family and know that their Christmas will be workers told me that they learned the families! Bless you for your spirit



the Parent Child Assistance Program. and are beginning to rebuild their lives said that the families are grateful to be lies. They have heard of our generosity blessed because of it. One of the case-early to bring large cars to take the gifts to of giving.

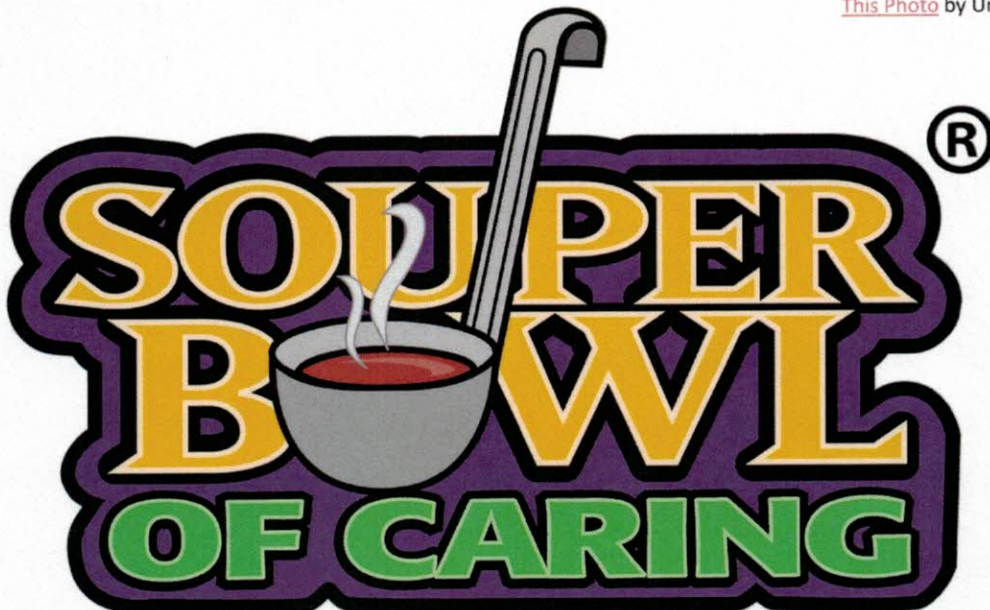
LIRS Hope for the Holidays

The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), a part of our national church since 1939, reports that as of Sept. 13, 2021, more than 23,000 family members were being held in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities, awaiting resolution of their immigration status. More than 77 percent of those detained have no criminal record, according to the LIRS. (Women and girls continue to be one of the most vulnerable demographics in the U.S. immigration system, reports the LIRS.) Since 2014, family detention has increased 4000 percent! And there are only 2,000 beds in detention centers for mothers and children seeking safety in America.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to write personalized Christmas greetings to 107 immigrant families.



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Coming to Christ

Lutheran

February 13th

SHARE A MEAL & FELLOWSHIP

Gals' Lunch Out

On January 20th, "Gals' Lunch Day Out"! The next lunch will be at 11:45 at the Tea Garden, Chinese & Thai Restaurant, 110 S 4th St. Please RSVP with Laura 509-910-1596. Hope to see you there!

Guy's Night Out

January 20th at 7:00

Abbys Pizza 48th & Tieton



Charlotte, Cheryl and I decided to do something for "our" veterans for Christmas. We went shopping for some candies and a variety of hygiene products. Charlotte found cute and functional Christmas baskets to hold all the items. Cheryl decided to make some goody bags to include with the basket. I added some goodies as well. We made sure there were some sugar-free products for a few who aren't allowed to have sugar. We met Rigo at Pear Tree Place and delivered all the baskets. Our last stop was with a veteran who isn't with the program but is included because he is a veteran. Tony asked us to wait while he got something for us. He handed us a Christmas card and expressed his thanks for us spending time and money shopping for items and driving from place to place. We acknowledged his appreciation and followed Rigo back to the clubhouse. While there, I opened the envelope containing a card with a \$100 bill enclosed. What a surprise! Rigo told us we COULD NOT return it. We decided it would be added to the Veterans fund in our budget for future use!

What a blessing it has been to serve these people. Join us for our next adventure with them!

Laura Larson





QUILTERS

The quilter's room is lonely and is missing the noisy women who occupy it! January is the time to start new projects and what better than making quilts for others? Join Ilene on Saturday, the 22nd at 10:00. Let's join together for friendship, laughter, and being productive!

CLC Christmas Party - Scandinavian Style!

On December 18th, we had a wonderful dinner: Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Lefsa, Cranberry sauce, Fruit (or Sweet) Soup, and a variety of desserts. Oh yes, let's not forget some wine and coffee to go with our dinner and fellowship! Shouts out to J.D. Sundseth, Andy and Cheryl Sauer, Jim Sund, Wes Wilson, Avis Hatheway, Paula Arndt, and I'll include myself for setting up, decorating, food preparation, serving the meal and clean up. So many God-given talents! At the beginning of the meal, Cheryl read a Norwegian table grace in Norwegian! What a team!!! Through a generous freewill offering, our proceeds were \$285 which went into Social ministry. What a fun time! And just so you know, the Lutefisk was great! So sorry if you missed it! Hopefully we can put on a St. Patrick's dinner in March! Any suggestions for future activities are always welcome!

Laura Larson

Fellowship Chair





PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

To all members of the congregation:

Nominations are now being accepted to serve on the Call Committee to call our new pastor. The committee will consist of 6 members who will be elected at our Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30th.

If you are interested in serving, have questions or would like to submit a nomination, please contact Deacon Kathy or Andy Sauer.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED!



Save the Date!

2022

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

WALK FOR *Life*



MOBILE MEDICAL
SERVICES



Scan For More Info

Saturday

January 22nd, 2022

1:00 pm

Grace of Christ
parking lot!

(7th Ave and Chestnut)

Hey guys,
Did you know that
Image Point is
collecting diapers at
this years
Walk for Life!



That's right! This season
we are holding a diaper
drive to help families in
need. So save the date
and bring your
donation to the
Grace of Christ Church
parking lot.