

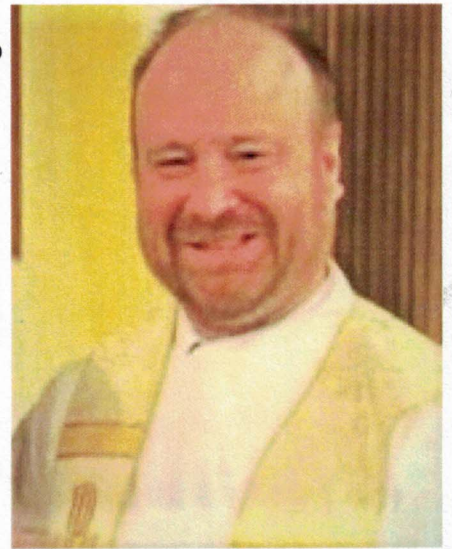
MISSION STATEMENT

**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.**

It is a pleasure to officially introduce myself to everyone. As I stated mentioned before, I was born and raised near the Lutheran Vatican, Minneapolis, MN. I am the son of a Lutheran minister; baptized, first communion, confirmed, married, all in the Lutheran church. And yet I am a Presbyterian pastor. How did I get this way you maybe asking? In high school I started attending youth group with some friends and didn't find out until later that they were Presbyterians. When I was 16 I went on a mission trip to Tennessee with my group and that is where my faith really came alive and I came to know Jesus personally. I later joined the church and that became my faith community.



I attended college at University of Wisconsin-Madison studying history and ancient languages. When I graduated I decided to study in Jerusalem, which was a life changing experience. It was also in Jerusalem that I met another student studying overseas, a girl from Ellensburg, WA named Alisa (we've been married for 25 years). After spending a year in Israel I started seminary at Princeton and graduated in 1998. I have served churches in Bellevue, Michigan, Mississippi, Georgia, and the Bay Area, CA.

My family and I live in Ellensburg and have family in the area. Alisa is a clinical social worker and works for KVH as a mental health counselor. We have two children: Liam (16), and Jane (12). We love to travel (especially where there is good food), movies, and one of my passions is photography. I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to serve at Christ Lutheran and join you in ministry during this time of transition.

Pastor Chris Peterson



The Fellowship Committee is inviting the congregation to welcome Pastor Chris, Alisa, Liam and Jane into our Christ Lutheran Family. Please join us on at 4:00, Saturday, May 7th for a casual barbeque and potluck meal. There will be the proverbial sign-up sheet available on Sunday, May 1st for salads, side dishes and desserts.

Let us welcome the Peterson family with our abundant Christ Lutheran hospitality!

The church received an email before Easter asking what scriptures we as Lutherans base our salvation, especially baptism. I have been pondering how to respond to his questions. I'd like to think I know what and how I believe regarding my salvation and the beauty of my baptism. However, putting that in writing to someone I know nothing about or know nothing of his faith, has given me pause. I decided it was time to reread old materials to find the right words.

I turned to the Daniel Erlander books "Let the Children Come" and "Baptized We Live, Lutheranism as a Way of Life". One of the first things I read was that many Lutherans seem to have a difficult time explaining what a being a Lutheran means. Well, that's why I started reading this book again! Mr. Erlander tells us that Lutheranism is a **WAY** – a way of **seeing**, a way of **hearing**, a way of **teaching**, and a way of **following**.

The cross in almost every Lutheran worship room is the symbol that reminds us that we don't find God. God finds us – wherever we are – in our pain, our emptiness, our loneliness, or our weakness. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see the cross as God's Embrace and God's Victory. We celebrate that glorious fact through our worship services at both Christmas and Easter. Both give us a beautiful picture of the way God comes to us, hidden in flesh, in weakness, and in poverty.

As Lutherans, we say that Christ is present in the bread and wine of communion and the water of baptism because Christ is present in all of creation. These sacraments are unique because of the promise of God connected to the physical element and the human action – eating, drinking, and washing. In the baptismal water we died with Christ, claiming us for a life of total obedience to Jesus Christ. Through our baptism, we are Christians, a status that never depends on how we feel, having the right experience, being free of doubts, or our success. We are Christians because God surprised us. Through the water, God has washed us and grafted us into Christ. Jesus' story becomes our story. Baptized into his death, we are raised to live as the Body of Christ in the world.

Luther rejoiced in the gift of baptism because in ordinary water, when Christ's promise is present, there God is present. In baptism, God delivers us from sin, death, and the devil, giving us all the benefits of God's Kingdom – the glorious exchange as I learned in my training. Also, we are given a new way of life – a daily pattern of returning to the waters of baptism, dying to our old self, and being raised into a new life in Christ. This daily dying and rising are both a gift and an experience which happens any time, anywhere.

Martin Luther said "Baptism is so full of comfort and grace that heaven and earth cannot comprehend it. It promises and brings the entire Christ! The blessings of baptism are boundless. No greater jewel can adorn our body and soul than baptism, for through it we obtain perfect holiness and salvation. "

ALL IS GIFT! ALL IS GOD'S INITIATIVE! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

God's Peace,

Deacon Kathy



COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

In June, we will need to elect members to the council. Andy Sauer and Laura Larson will be completing their second term. We will miss their steadfast leadership. Jim Sund will be completing his first 3 year term, agreeing to run for a second term. Deacon Kathy's elected position remains vacant requiring a person to fill the last year of her term. A council member is elected for a 3 year term of office. The council has general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation, especially its worship life-a very important role in our congregation. **We need to elect 3 people to fill 3 year terms and 1 person to fill 1 year of a vacant position.** Please prayerfully consider becoming a council member. Let Andy or Deacon Kathy know if you are willing to serve.

Thoughts from your Council President

HE IS RISEN!

Easter service this year seemed very profound to me for a number of reasons. First was that we once again had our Easter brunch which we haven't had in 3 years. Gathering together on a beautiful Sunday morning with our church family, as well as extended family to share a delicious meal was the best. Seeing how many people came early for this was heartwarming.

It filled me with joy to see so many sitting in the sanctuary for the service. It has been a long time (and not including Covid times) since we have had so many people for a service. The energy was amazing.

It was fulfilling to announce that Pastor Peterson was going to be our interim pastor on Easter. The applause brought the room to life!

The music was so special. Thanks to the worship team, Nita and her family, and the Easter choir. It was very special and amazing.

Last and not least by any means was the return of the "passing of the peace". This has always been special at Christ Lutheran (even though we do get a little carried away). In a lot of ways, it felt like our little church rose from the dead on Easter. The last few years have been a mighty struggle for us, and on Sunday it felt to me like we have new life, a fresh start. Celebrating Easter was a reminder that our time has not come and we still have work to do in Jesus's name!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

HALLELUJAH

Andy Sauer

Council President



I would like to thank the congregation for your thoughtfulness in showing your appreciation by gifting me a certificate to Inklings. Inklings is one of my favorite places to shop in Yakima!

It takes many servants sharing their time and talents to make a church "hum" and it was a privilege, honor, and blessing to serve.

Nalda

In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

Tim Schultz

Mark Brown

Lana McDowell

Lane Hannas

Richard Buse

Jay Jefferies

Juanita Dobbs

Cindy Girard

Marlis Hogg

Ilene Bushnell

Paula Arndt

Todd & Heidi Taylor

Patrick Butterfield

Beth Enridge

Kevin Chase

Sally Hanson

Mike Sauer

Roxanne

The friends & family of Lucille Adams, Jerry Gillespie, and Jim Bushnell.

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

Serving Our Country

Taylor Bunker - USN

David Carlson

Brian Eling - USA

Luke Harper

Chris Wendt - National Guard

Justin Hughes - USA



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd

Al Rose

7th

Tammy Bosch

17th

Katie Phelps-Sebree

21st

Sheri Bissell

21st

Andy Sauer

22nd

Richard Roberts

25th

Mel Jangard

26th

Heidi Taylor

27th

Lori Murphy

31st

Cal Bosch

5th

Tim & Ilene Bushnell



Sunday Morning Servers

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|----------------------|---|--|---|
| 1st | Lector – Jim Sund Snacks—Paula | Worship Assistant-Jay Carroll Greeter— | Usher— JD Sundseth, Altar Guild-Kathy Sebree |
| 8th | Lector — Snacks—Avis & Joyce | Worship Assistant—Deacon Kathy Greeter— | Usher – Altar Guild—Kathy Sebree |
| 15th | Lector –Sonya Duncan Snacks-Sonya Duncan | Worship Assistant- | Usher—JD Sundseth Altar Guild—Kathy Sebree |
| Worship Team Sunday: | | | |
| 22nd | Lector- Snacks- | Worship Assistant- Greeter- | Usher- Altar Guild-Kathy Sebree |
| 29th | Lector - Snacks- | Worship Assistant- Greeter- | Usher- Altar Guild—Kathy Sebree |

THE NEW DIRECTORY IS HERE!!!

Thank you to Sue Stewart and Suzanne Brown for creating an updated directory. The directory has been emailed to everyone who has an email address and there are wonderful spring green directories in the narthex for those of us who still prefer a paper copy. Please let Kathy know if something still needs to be updated and she will make the changes.

Guy's Night Out

May 19th at 7:00

NOTE A NEW LOCATION:

Round Table Pizza

1300 N 40th Ave.



Gals' Lunch Out

May 19th "Gals' Lunch Day Out"! The next lunch will be at 11:45 at the Apple Tree Golf Course restaurant. Come enjoy laughter and friendship!



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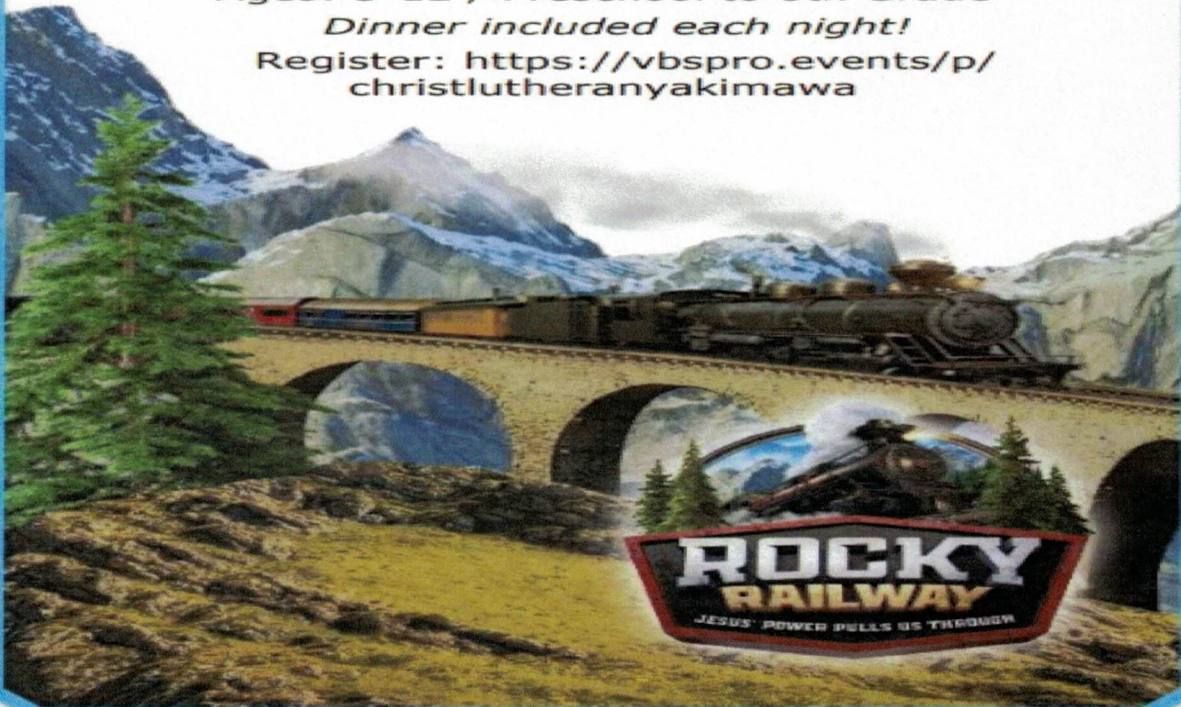
All aboard for fun at VBS!

SUN., JUNE 26 TO THURS., JUNE 30
5:00 TO 8:00 PM

Ages: 3-12 / Preschool to 6th Grade

Dinner included each night!

Register: <https://vbspro.events/p/christlutheranyakimawa>



*From the
Call Committee*

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
FEEDBACK**

We would like to thank you all very much for your wonderful input on the congregational surveys! We met and thoroughly reviewed all of your responses and are now in the process of filling out our Ministry Site Profile. Once this process is done, we will be ready to submit it to the Synod for their review.

Please don't hesitate to contact any one of us if you would like to discuss anything in person, or have additional input.

Your Christ Lutheran Call Committee –

Lori Murphy, Joan Jangard, Darold Larson, Sue Stewart, Janet Frank, Wes Wilson

CLC Opportunities To Serve Our Community



It is time for Christ Lutheran to feed the people of Camp Hope. Our scheduled date is Monday, May 9th. Janet Frank has planned a meal consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and fruit salad. We will have a sign-up sheet asking for help preparing coleslaw. The coleslaw will be purchased but we will need people willing to mix it up on Monday. There is also an opportunity for you to help serve that night. Meet at 5:45 at the Camp Hope site to set out the food, being ready to serve at 6:00. This has been a very fulfilling opportunity for those who have served. Please consider taking an hour of your time to answer Jesus' call to serve others.



Did you know that Habitat for Humanity has built 195 homes in Yakima County, which equals housing for 825 individuals, 50,000 plus volunteer hours and add more than \$20,000,000 in property value? Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community, and all over the world, to help them build a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the construction, working at the Habitat Store, helping in the office, or assisting with a special event. Another way you can help is by donating items to the Habitat Store.

An idea for a God's Work, Our Hands project would be to volunteer to serve meals on a current build site.

Please contact Deacon Kathy if you would like more information, would be interested in getting a group together to help on a build or provide meals. You can also visit www.yakimahabitat.org to learn more.



SITUATION REPORT: CRISIS IN UKRAINE

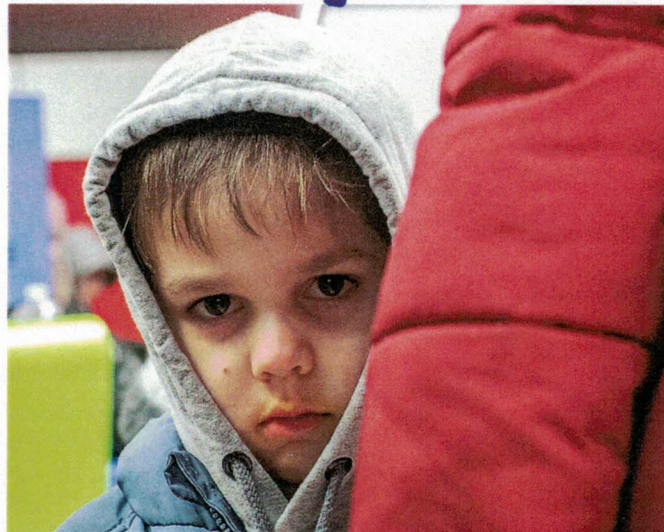
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BY THE NUMBERS

 **4.6 Million+** fleeing to other countries
2.6 Million to Poland | 700,000 to Romania
415,000 to Moldova | 257,000 to Slovakia
430,000 to Hungary

 **6.5 Million+**
Internally displaced persons

Sources: UNHCR April 12; UNICEF; OCHA April 11



A young boy in the Kraków Główny Main Station after arriving from Ukraine.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF RESPONSE

We have committed \$7 million to respond to this crisis, and we expect to increase this amount as we secure additional funding.

Our Humanitarian Action team is working with partners to implement programming based on short and long-term needs in Poland and in Ukraine. We have deployed additional technical staff to support our relief operations, including a program manager, a health advisor, and an advisor to lead our efforts to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees.

Our response in Ukraine includes:

- **Medical supplies and equipment.** We are supporting health facilities in Ukraine in partnership with the Order of Malta by providing supplies, including surgical and wound care kits, gauze, IV kits, oxygen masks, defibrillators and stretchers.
- **Partnerships with networks throughout Ukraine to provide shelter.** We are partnering with networks in Ukraine to provide ongoing support to six facilities that are being used to shelter internally displaced persons. We're providing food and essential supplies and equipment, like folding beds, pillows, heaters, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and personal hygiene items. In all, we'll offer nearly 60,000 nights of shelter for people who need a place to stay.
- **Identifying key gaps in the availability of services.** We are designing an assessment process to identify key gaps in the availability of health services related to gender-based violence, mental health services and psychosocial services and communicable diseases. This work will be used to inform our response to support the Ministry of Health and other health care providers in Ukraine.

Our response in Poland includes:

- **Emergency cash and vouchers for Ukrainian refugees in Poland.** We've committed \$2 million to this effort in a combined program with Lutheran World Federation (LWF) that will support an initial caseload of more than 1,300 refugee families for the next three months.
- **Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse:** We're integrating a referral system at our cash distribution sites in Poland so refugee women and children can safely and easily access protection services. We are an active member of the Regional Gender Task Force for Ukraine response, which is co-chaired by UN Women and Care International.
- **Ongoing support for the Evangelical-Augsburg Church of St. Martin in Krakow, Poland, which has established a hostel for Ukrainian women and children.** We have provided essential supplies including milk, energy biscuits, personal hygiene products and room partition panels. We will continue to support the church to expand its relief operations in coordination with LWF.
- **Shipping and distributing LWR Quilts and Care Kits** in partnership with local organizations.

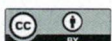
We are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for us to respond immediately. At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.

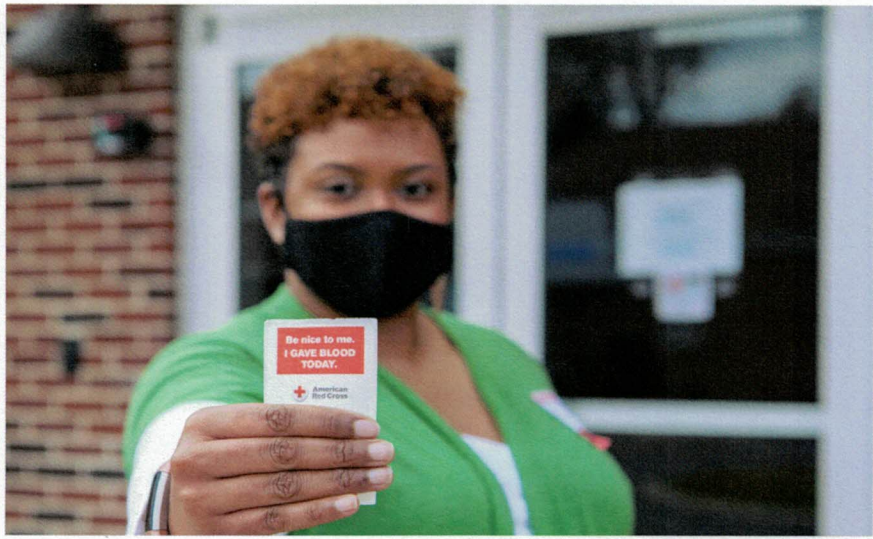
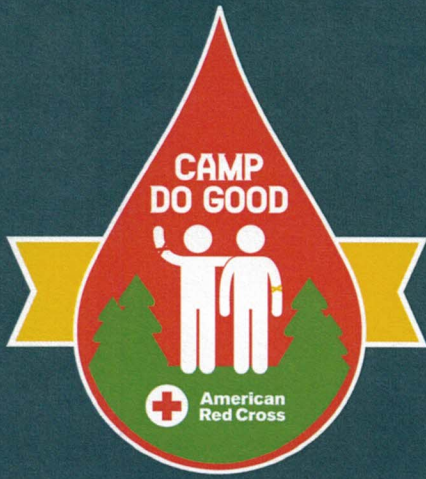


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BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG. GIVE BLOOD.

Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

5606 W Lincoln Avenue
Yakima, WA

Wednesday, June 1, 2022
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
to schedule an appointment.

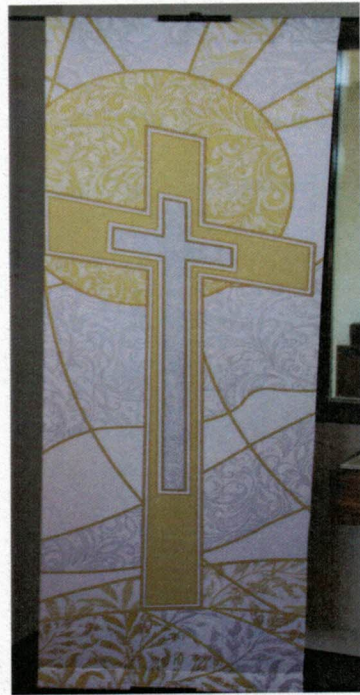


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Easter Glory



*Christ Is
Risen!
Alleluia!*



May 2022

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| 1 Worship Service 9:30 Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00 | 2 | 3 Christain Growth 12:00 Support Meeting 7:00 | 4 The Chosen 6:00 | 5 | 6 | 7 Welcome Pastor Chris & Family BBQ 4:00 |
| 8 Worship Service 9:30 Mother's Day | 9 Women's Bible Study 11:00 Woman at the Well Camp Hope Meal 5:45 | 10 Council Mtg 7:00 | 11 The Chosen 6:00 | 12 Social Ministry Mtg 1:00 | 13 | 14 |
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| 22 Worship Team Service 9:30 Newsletter Deadline | 23 Women's Bible Study 11:00 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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