

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.**



Did you know that there is difference between thankfulness and gratitude?

Gratitude gives us fullness of life, turning what we have into being enough, denial into acceptance, chaos into order, and confusion into clarity. A meal becomes a feast, our house a home, a stranger becomes a friend. Gratitude makes our past make sense, bringing peace for today, and creating a vision for tomorrow. It is an attitude of appreciation under any circumstance, even when nothing exciting happens. Above all of that, gratitude and a positive outlook is good for our mental attitude, improving our physical health.

Thankfulness happens when something good or exciting happens, like when we receive an unexpected gift, a new job, or meet new friends. Thankfulness is a temporary emotional response to a temporary situation. But giving thanks is still very important to show our appreciation for the people in our lives or the good things that happen to us. Together gratitude and thankfulness make the world a kinder and happier place.

This month's newsletter is filled with the many ways that my Christ Lutheran family makes me thankful. I am always thankful for the many ways that we, as a congregation, help our neighbors. We will be sharing the gift of fellowship and food with eighteen veterans, meeting their physical and emotional needs. Lutheran Immigration Relief Services is asking that we take a few minutes of our time to write Christmas cards to refugees. This small sacrifice of time will bring encouragement to those waiting to find a new home in a new country.

We will be observing All Saints Sunday on November 6th. On that morning, we will have ribbons available for you to write the name (or names) of the people you consider saints. This is a small way to recognize someone who has helped shape your faith. As you come up for communion, leave your ribbon on the altar rail.

Consecration Sunday will also be on the 6th. You will be asked to complete an estimate of giving card that morning. Your offering is another way you can express your gratitude for all the ways that God has blessed you.

Now it is my turn to express gratitude for the people of Christ Lutheran. This past year has been a challenge for all of us in many ways. My call as your deacon has become more than any of us had expected. I am so grateful for the support, love, grace, and forgiveness you have shown to me during this time. I have told many people that I don't think I could have served any other congregation with the same confidence and strength. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. May the Lord continue to bless our ministry together, as we await the future plans that Jesus has for us.

I pray that your November be filled with thankfulness and gratitude.

Deacon Kathy



In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

Tim Schultz

Lana McDowell

Merlin

Lois

Jeannie

Sandee

Jane Deblasio

Jeff Wilkse

Jean Kock

Darold Larson

Joan

Vicky

Bev Gingrich

Clay Uecker

Daniella Pepper

Sarah

Hunter

Donny

Dan Solberg

Emma Elaine English

Donna Eling

Beth Kuhr

Lil & Dusty

Rita & Rosa

Friends & Family of Carol Lem

(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



Sunday Morning Servers

NOVEMBER 6TH

NOVEMBER 13TH

NOVEMBER 20TH

NOVEMBER 27TH

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD -

COUNTERS—LORI MURPHY & NORM FRANK

Please sign up to be the lector, the worship assistant, usher, greeter, or prepare the altar for communion on any of the Sundays in September. If you would like to learn more about serving in any one of these positions, please see Deacon Kathy. She would be happy to give you instruction on these vital pieces of our worship service. None of them require anything beyond a willing heart and hands to serve. We also need people to volunteer for the coffee hour. Thank you!



CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Joan Jangard
13th Charlotte Abercrombie
28th Stephanie Stone
29th Tara Bosch-Fowler



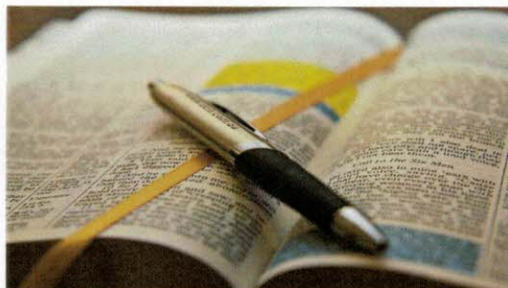
11th Darold & Laura Larson
16th Brad & Sheri Bissell
19th Bob & Ethel Rasmussen

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

On All Saint's Sunday, we will be remembering our saints by writing their names on ribbons. These are the people who brought us to and helped shape our faith. As you write their names, remember why they are important to you. During communion, you will be asked to bring that ribbon with you, leaving it on the altar rail. The ribbons that we made last year will also be displayed that Sunday morning.

November Scripture Readings:

Nov 6th:	Daniel 7:1-3;15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 13th:	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 20th:	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 27th:	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44



Guy's Night Out

November 17th at 7:00

Abby's Pizza

4808 Tieton Drive



Gals' Lunch Out

November 17th

11:45

Apple Tree Golf Course

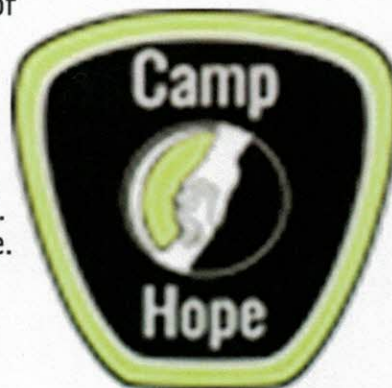
Join us for dinner on Wednesday the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th . After the meal, we will watch the last four episodes of "The Chosen", Season 2, followed by discussion.

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".



If you would like to come, but don't like driving at night, let Andy, Cheryl or Deacon Kathy know. We would be happy to arrange transportation for you. Please come and be a part of the fellowship we share at Christ Lutheran.

November 14th is our opportunity to serve dinner to the people of Camp Hope. Janet has planned a meal of chicken & rice, green beans, fruit and dessert. A sign up sheet is in the narthex for cans of green beans and fruit cocktail. We also need servers for that evening. We meet at Camp Hope, located across the road from the Humane Society and behind the U-Haul Storage facility. Set up begins at 5:45, with dinner being served promptly at 6:00. Please plan on serving at least once. It is an amazing experience.





Thank you everyone for supporting our Veterans with your donations and your time. Join us on **Saturday, November 19th at 10:00** for Thanksgiving Brunch with our vets at Pear Place Housing. We will be looking for people willing to bring a casserole dish, fruit or pastries. 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.

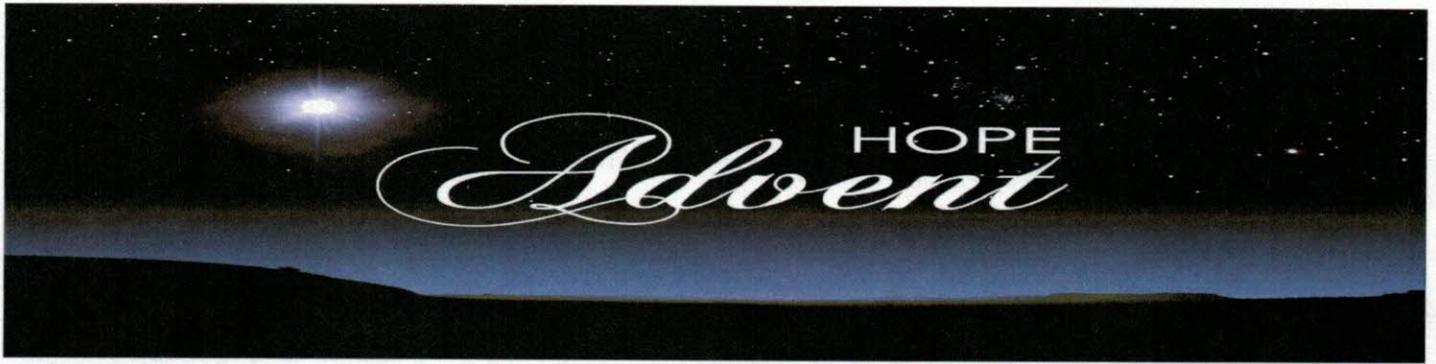
We will also be giving each of them a gift card to either Safeway or Fred Meyer to be used for food. The amount will be determined by our available funds.



As you may have heard by now, the Call Committee submitted the CLC Ministry Site Profile to the Synod, and it was approved and is now “live” on their Pastoral Call website. Now, we wait patiently and continue to pray that candidates will soon be sent our way. There are quite a few congregations that are also in the call process, so we need to stress the word “patient”. Be prayerful – God will provide for us as He always does! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact any one of us. Thank you!

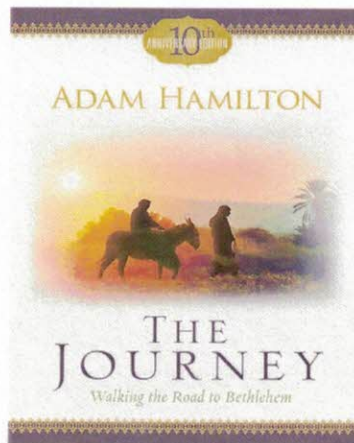
Your Christ Lutheran Call Committee –

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



In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.



The worship and music committee has chosen to use this book as our 2022 Advent Service. Beginning on November 30th, please join us for the **four Wednesdays of Advent at noon** to view a short video vignette of Mr. Hamilton retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, along with the accompanying chapter. Books are available at the office. Donations of \$13.00 for the book would be appreciated.

Do you have that special knack of decorating your home for the holidays? Have you felt the desire to make our worship space reflect the beauty of Advent? Now is YOUR chance to use that gift! Please join the Worship & Music committee at noon on the 16th of November to share your ideas. If you can't attend the meeting, contact Lori, Cheryl, Jill Carroll, or Deacon Kathy with your ideas.



Not everyone can simply choose to celebrate in the homes of their loved ones every year. Sometimes those “homes” are too dangerous to stay in. Sometimes, those “homes” don’t even exist any longer. Some will have a much longer wait till they can be in anything that even feels like home. But we at Christ Lutheran can help such families know that someone, somewhere in America cares with a simple message of hope.

The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), a part of our national church since 1939, reports that last year – even with the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic – we combined to send more than 1,750 gifts to children in LIRS care. In addition, LIRS and its church partners sent more than 20,000 Christmas cards to asylum-seekers in the United States and our friends in detention awaiting resolution of their immigration status. Notably, **Christ Lutheran congregants themselves sent greetings to 107 families last holiday season, even in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis.** That seems like a worthy goal again. Please share the hope of the holiday season with others far less fortunate than ourselves.

To participate, please write Christmas card greetings in either English or Spanish completing as many cards as you feel comfortable writing. (Suggested greetings in both English and Spanish will be provided in handouts at church.) **To ensure we mail the cards to the LIRS for distribution on time, bring your cards to the church by Sunday, Nov. 27 and drop them in the “LIRS HOPE” box in the narthex. We will collect them and package them for mailing no later than noon, Monday, Nov. 28.** If you have questions or want further information, visit [LIRS.org/hope](https://lirs.org/hope) online or email Jean Raabe (jeanraabe@gmail.com) or Gordon Koestler (oldgrizz66@gmail.com).



With so many other demands on our time, why bother to write Christmas cards to complete strangers? Some facts may be helpful in making a decision. According to LIRS Mobilization and Faith effort leaders:

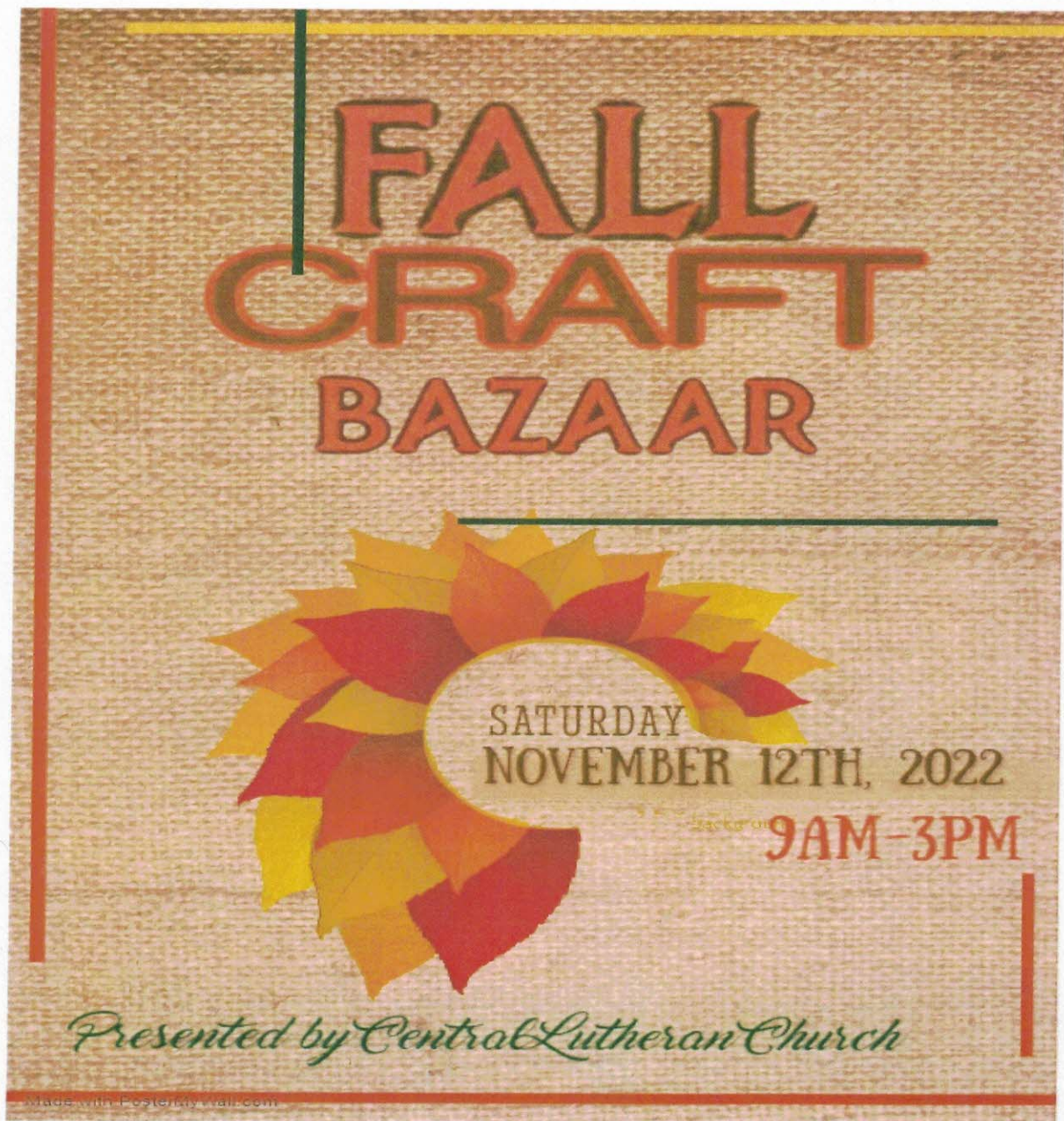
Many asylum seekers come not from Mexico but are fleeing violence and persecution in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Additionally, the LIRS reports that increasing numbers of people at the southern U.S. border are coming from China, Ethiopia, Brazil, and even Ukraine and Afghanistan. The fact that families have undertaken journeys of hundreds and even thousands of miles, many of them on foot, speaks to the desperation of the situation. According 2021 reports, immigration detention alone can cost around \$319.37 daily. The LIRS notes that “successful and secure community-based alternatives to detention exist for a mere fraction of that amount. As of Sept. 9, 2022, LIRS reports that there were more than 24,000 people were being held in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. Over two-thirds of them have no criminal record. Women and girls continue to be one of the most vulnerable demographics in the entire U.S. Immigration system.

Cash donations, used especially to provide children with at least one gift at Christmas, will be accepted through the LIRS website at [LIRS.org/GiveHope](https://lirs.org/GiveHope). You can also send a check to:

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, P.O. Box 17467, Baltimore, MD 21297-1467



The Angel Tree will be coming to the narthex on Thanksgiving weekend. Look for more details in the coming weeks.





American
Red Cross

Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition

Give Blood

Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

5606 W Lincoln Avenue
Yakima, WA

Monday, November 14, 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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