

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.**

MAY

My first month went by so quickly; it's hard to believe it's already May! Thank you for such a wonderful and joyful Easter.

Things to look forward to in May:

- 1) My installation service: I will be "officially" introduced as your pastor. Right now, it's scheduled for 5/21 in the afternoon. It could change; we are Reformed and always reforming.
- 2) Pentecost: On 5/28 remember to wear red as we celebrate the birth of the Church and how we are joined as the Body of Christ. It's one of the best Sundays of the year.
- 3) Pastor Chris' Magical Mystery Tour (of the Bible): This is every Wednesday afternoon at 12. What happens there you may ask; well, it's a mystery. It has been fun though and a little different each time. For me it's an excellent opportunity not only to discuss the meaning of the Bible in our lives, but also to spend time together as we laugh a lot and learn. Drop in whenever you can.

There is another special holiday in May. I read a Spanish proverb that goes, "an ounce of Mother is worth a pound of clergy." That sounds about right, maybe a little generous towards the clergy. It doesn't matter what age I am or what accomplishments I've made; even today if I go clothes shopping with my Mom I still feel like I'm 7 years old. It's all right though (besides getting free clothes) it reminds me that I will forever be my Mother's son. And I thank God for that arrangement. It is not surprising that Jesus had a Mom. In the New Testament, the Greek word that is closest to the type of love God has towards us; is the love that a mother has towards her children. It's the type of love that stays up with us all night when we were sick; it's the love that helps us clean up the juice that we spilled on the floor; or it's the love that puts a picture on the fridge even though it looks nothing like our cat. Jesus can relate to our human experience of love.

Blessings

Pastor Chris

Much of my writing inspiration comes from various devotions I read. Today it was "Phantom Pain" in "All God's Creatures Daily Devotions for Animal Lovers." The story was about Streak, a hound dog who liked to run after anything that moved in his yard. Unfortunately, he also liked to chase cars whenever he escaped the back yard. And as I'm sure you can guess; the car eventually won the chase. Streak got tangled up with the rear tire, injuring a back leg. The vet was able to repair the leg with a brace and a splint.

Although Streak's leg completely healed, he had a long memory. He did return to chasing squirrels and rabbits without so much as a limp. However, if you asked him how his leg was feeling, Streak would lower his head, growl menacingly, and hobble into another room!

Aren't we like Streak? We remember old wounds and old hurts. For me, it's the mistakes, the poor choices, or my outright sins that come back to haunt me, making me drop my head, growl and slink away. God and I aren't the only ones that know the things that torment my mind. The devil does too and is always willing to use them against me.

We have spent the time of Lent considering our sins and realizing how much our sin has cost our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are now in the joyous Easter season when we recognize that Jesus has forgiven our sin and we don't need to nurse our phantom pain any longer. Thank you, God, for Your healing power of forgiveness.

This is also the time of new beginnings, new growth, and the renewal of the world around us. As a congregation, we promised to welcome Pastor Chris, Alisa, Liam, and Jane into our family. One way of doing this is to host small gatherings for them. My thoughts were something like this – Jim and I invite 2 couples or four people and the Peterson's to our home for a meal. If several of us hosted a small gathering, it would help the Peterson's put names and faces together. And imagine how nice it will be to get to know each other better?

One other request is that we all wear name tags for at least the month of May. I know, I know! I'm the last one who wants to wear a name tag! Who knows, there might be someone in the congregation that you don't know. Try it – You might like it!

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real. Thank you for bringing Pastor Chris and his family to our congregation. May we bless them and all who we encounter hospitality and grace. Amen.

God's Peace

Deacon Kathy



In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

Laurie Wilson

Jackie Larson

Linda Uecker

Don & Sandy

Kodi

Rex & Duke

Jean Kock

Elisabeth Dunbar

Sue Stewart

Char Caprile

Dax Rieder

Marty

Hannah & Nick Brown

Donna

Jim Sund

Darold Larson

Julietta

Charlie

Nicole & Max Poole

Tim Schultz

(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



SERVANTS OF GOD

People needed for May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Altar Guild:

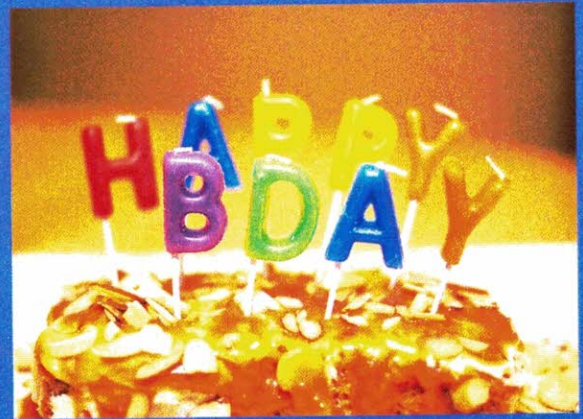
Counters: Norm Frank & Jim Sund

Thank you!

CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd Al Rose
 7th Tammy Bosch
 17th Katie Sebree
 21st Sheri Bissell
 Andy Sauer
 22nd Richard Roberty
 25th Mel Jangard
 26th Heidi Taylor
 27th Lori Murphy
 31st Cal Bosch



5th Tim & Ilene Bushnell (50th)

May Scripture Readings:

May 7th	Acts 7:55-60	Psalms 31:1-5; 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14th	Acts 17:22-31	Psalms 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 18th	Acts 1:1-11	Psalms 47 or 48	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 21st	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28th	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	1 Cor 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
	Or Numbers 11:24-30		or Acts 2:1-21	or John 7:37-39





*Please join us on May 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
For the Invitation to Extended Service of
Christopher Peterson
As Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church
5606 W Lincoln Ave.
Yakima, WA 98908*

Wear red on Pentecost Sunday – May 28th!

**Guy's Night Out
May 18th at 6:00
Abby's Pizza**



Gals' Lunch Out

May 18th

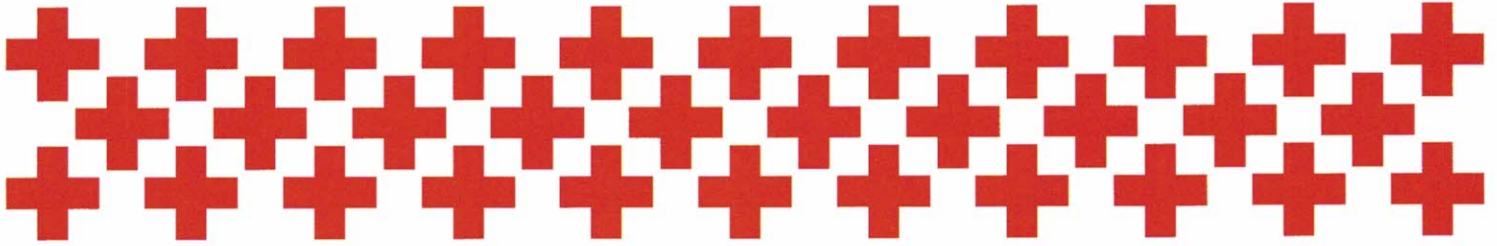
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To Be Determined



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

5606 W Lincoln Avenue
Yakima, WA

Monday, May 15, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ChristLutheran
to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RedCross.org



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.



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NEED SOME SPACE?



We've got a Stellar spot for you!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
(church name)

Save these dates: JUNE 25TH TO JUNE 29TH
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: (509) 966-1720
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: vbspro.events/p/christlutheranyak
(registration web address)



SCAN QR CODE FOR
REGISTRATION LINK

May 2023

April '23 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
June '23 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Sunday 30
Monday 1
Tuesday 2
Wednesday 3
Thursday 4
Friday 5
Saturday 6

Sunday 7
 Worship Service 9:30
 Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00

Monday 8
 Scouts
 Women's Bible Study 11:00
 Camp Hope Meal 5:45
 Scouts

Tuesday 9
 Scouts
 Christian Outreach 11:00
 Scouts

Wednesday 10
 Magical Mystery Tour of the Bible - Noon
 Scouts

Thursday 11
 National Day of Prayer

Friday 12
 Scouts

Saturday 13
 Scouts

Sunday 14
 Worship Service 9:30
 Council Mtg 11:00
 Mother's Day

Monday 15
 Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00
 Scouts

Tuesday 16
 Worship & Music 12:00
 Scouts

Wednesday 17
 Magical Mystery Tour of the Bible - Noon
 Scouts

Thursday 18
 Girls' Lunch 11:45
 Guy's Night Out 6:00
 Spring Tea 1:00

Friday 19
 Scouts

Saturday 20
 Scouts

Sunday 21
 Worship Service 9:30
 Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00
 Pastor Chris Installation 3:00

Monday 22
 Women's Bible Study 11:00
 Scouts

Tuesday 23
 Scouts

Wednesday 24
 Magical Mystery Tour of the Bible - Noon
 VBS Staff Mtg 6:00
 Scouts

Thursday 25
 Social Ministry - 11:00

Friday 26
 Scouts

Saturday 27
 Scouts

Sunday 28
 Day of Pentecost
 Worship Service 9:30

Monday 29
 Memorial Day

Tuesday 30
 Scouts

Wednesday 31
 Magical Mystery Tour of the Bible - Noon
 Scouts

Thursday 1
 Scouts

Friday 2
 Scouts

Saturday 3
 Scouts

Sunday 4
 Notes