

Angelas

May 2026

From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Easter Sunday, our songs and voices rose to celebrate Christ's victory over death. The gifts we received on Easter were the gifts of life and hope, sent by God into our seemingly hopeless world and distressed hearts. When the three women went to the tomb early that first Easter, their hope had died. Jesus was in the tomb; the stone was in place; Pilate and the religious authorities were now firmly in control; death had won. It seemed foolish to hope for more.

Yet God broke through the power of hopelessness and death with new life. Jesus rose from the dead and called forth a new community and a new reality filled with God's own spirit of life.

In our church calendar, Easter is not a one-day event. The Easter season continues for seven weeks, which this year takes us to Pentecost Sunday on May 24. It strikes me that these weeks of Easter are a good time to practice and nurture the hope that Jesus brings to us on Easter Sunday.

Like the women going to the tomb, many of us struggle with hopelessness as well. The disorder and violence in the world seem relentless. The problems we face in our personal lives feel insurmountable. The hope that God brings to us through Christ's victory can soon wither in the face of huge problems.

Here is a spiritual practice that I have found useful for strengthening hope. (My wife, Satya Jaech, first taught this practice to me.) When Jesus visited his disciples the evening of the first Easter and saw that they were still feeling frightened, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22) In this spiritual practice, we are following Christ's example and breathing God's powerful hope into

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the places of our hopelessness. Here are the steps:

1. Find a comfortable and quiet place to sit for five minutes.
2. Think of a problem or issue about which you feel particularly hopeless. This might be a personal issue, such as health, work, family/relationship or a spiritual struggle. It might also be a world concern, such as hunger, warfare or economic turmoil.
3. As you consider your feelings of hopelessness around this issue, sense where in your body you experience this feeling. For example, many people feel hopelessness especially in the area of their heart. Others will sense hopelessness centered in other places in their body.
4. Now begin to take slow, deep breaths and visualize your breath going to the place in your body where the hopelessness dwells. Breathe into the hopelessness. With each breath, visualize that you are also breathing in the power of God that raised Jesus to life. Breathe in this Easter power of hope and let it fill the place of your hopelessness. There is no need for you to make anything happen in that moment. Simply be receptive to God's promise of resurrection.
5. Breathe steadily and deeply for three more minutes. Do this once a day for the next 30 days.

By using this spiritual practice of breathing hope into our hopelessness, Jesus comes with his Holy Spirit and strengthens us where we need it most. May God bless you throughout this Easter season and may God fill you each day with the gifts of hope and new life.

In Christ,
Pastor Rick Jaech

May Adult Education



**Our Christian Walk
Is Not A
Do-It-Yourself Project**

Embracing the presence, power
and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

4-week video series based on Max Lucado's book
"Help is Here"

Starts May 14th/17th Led by Colleen VanArsdall

Children & Families

April began in the middle of Holy Week this year, which is always one of the busiest times of the year for our church and staff. We had great attendance at all of our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morning. I went home on Easter Sunday and took a long nap!

Our Wednesday evening Rooted resumed in April and we have been having 30-35 people attending each week. The kids and I have been talking about the Good News of Easter and we have had fun looking at caterpillars/butterflies as we talk about the New Life Jesus gave us through His death and Resurrection! And a huge thank you to Francine who continues to cook for us each week, and Ben Clark who helps set up and clean up. What a gift!

In Kids Club we have continued to focus on the same Gospel message that the adults are hearing each week. The kids really enjoyed The Good Shepherd story and learning all about shepherds and sheep.

We also started chicken eggs in our incubator! So we will hopefully have baby chicks hatching in mid May. Latchkey, Preschool, Rooted, and Kids Club kids are all excited to watch and learn the entire process. If you are interested in baby chicks, please let me know, as we may have 12 who need a home by early June.

VBS is going to be here before we know it. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please let myself or Betsy know so we can get you plugged in.

Latchkey has 25 kids signed up for their all day summer program. Very exciting! If you would like to offer them some support to their program, they have put together a WISH LIST on Amazon and you can purchase an item and send it to them as a gift! Thank you for supporting this great ministry of our church, supporting families in our local neighborhood!



Latchkey Wish List

Lyndi



Compassion

Thank you to everyone that participated in this years Compassion weekend!



MomCo



Can you help?

Shampoo Needed

The Monday Growth Group needs Shampoo donations for their on going project, to fill pill bottles for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Please contact Karen Claussen with any questions. Thank you for your help!

Nonperishable Food Donations

We have teamed up with the Lakewood Rotary Lions to stock the Little Free Pantry and the Tillicum Food Bank. They are in need of cereal, canned tuna/ chicken, small jars of peanut butter, trail mix/nuts, canned soup, ramen, fruit or pudding cups, protein bars, and bottled water. Please consider adding a few extra things to your grocery list in the coming week and dropping them off at our foodbank box.

Altar Flowers

Interested in providing the flowers on Sunday morning? Altar Flowers are \$29.00. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Friday email, or call the church office. The 2026 Altar Flower sign-up is now available!

Worship Helper Scheduling

Do you have a preferred weekend that you like to serve? Would you like to have a set schedule?

If you answered, "yes"! Please email Aubrie at secretary@clc-lakewood.org or call the Church Office and I would be happy to schedule you!

Angelos

If you have any information or articles for the Angelos, please email them to Aubrie at secretary@clc-lakewood.org by the 15th of the month. Thank you!

WORLD VISION WORK PARTY

**Join us at the World Vision warehouse in Fife.
Every 3rd Thursday 9:00-12:00pm**



World Vision

Join us on May 21st
Sign up in the gathering place.
For questions contact Roger Nelson.



Save the Date

CLC Seniors' Trip to Weyerhaeuser Rhododendron & Bonsai Garden

9:15am Friday, May 8th

Join the CLC Seniors for a trip to Weyerhaeuser Rhododendron & Bonsai Garden. We will have lunch at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse. More information and sign up available in the Gathering Place.



April's Trip was to the Emish Market in Fife.

Men's Monday Meal & a Movie At Mike's

5pm Monday, May 11th

We will be watching Season 2, Episodes 7 & 8 of "The House of David".

Breakfast for Dinner: Egg and sausage casserole, grits, bacon, biscuits and gravy, English muffins, fruit, and orange juice. Sign up in the Gathering Place.

FREE THRIVENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday May 13th | 12:00-1:00pm @ CLC

Join us for lunch as we learn how charitable funds work, different ways to give and solutions tailored to your financial circumstances.

Come learn about maximizing your generosity to the people and places that matter most to you!



RSVP by signing up in the gathering place or by emailing Betsy Miller at officemanager@clc-lakewood.org

2026

SCHOLARSHIP

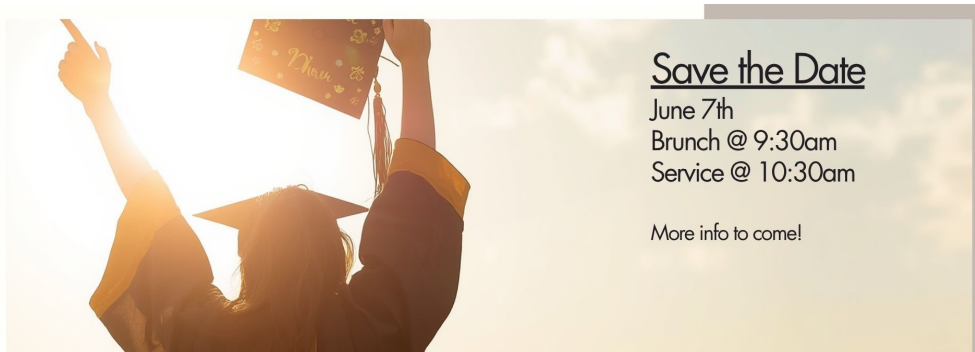
**Scholarship Applications are
Due Thursday, May 28th**

**Applications are available on our
website and in the gathering place!**

Seniors who are graduating from high school this year are eligible for scholarships provided by the Endowment Committee. Typically, the scholarship amount has ranged between \$1500 and \$2000 per year. The scholarship can also be renewed for a second year of college.

The applications must be submitted by May 28th to be reviewed by the Endowment Committee. If approved, the scholarship stipend will be forwarded to the college or university selected.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Brown or Scott Buser.



Save the Date

June 7th

Brunch @ 9:30am

Service @ 10:30am

More info to come!

Christ Lutheran

SENIOR SUNDAY

Class of 2026!

*Go forth and
shine your light!*

Join us Sunday, June 7th at 10:30am Worship where we will celebrate our graduating Seniors; Kayla Barber, Brandon Campbell, Dylan Flannigan, Ryan Fleming, Mac Hansen, Ethan LaRoy, Daniel Perry, Madeline Robinson, Beth Williamson.

Upcoming Events

CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH PRESENTS:

SUNDAY JAZZ MATINEE

✦ 10 MAY 2026 – MICHAEL POWERS ✦

▶ MASTER GUITARIST & WINNING PERSONALITY MICHAEL POWERS HAS PERFORMED, RECORDED, OR SHARED BILLINGS WITH LEGENDARY ARTISTS: HERBIE HANCOCK, DR. LONNIE SMITH, RONNIE CUBER, GIL SCOTT HERON, DR. CORNEL WEST, RAY CHARLES, & MANY MORE. HE'LL PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE & HAVE YOU TAPPING YOUR TOES IN NO TIME.

PERFORMANCES AT 2PM
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JAM LED BY EDUCATOR/DIRECTOR BRADY MCCOWAN

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Money Matters

March 2026 Offering and Expense Report	
YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	181,802
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	29,084
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	44,712
YTD Total General Funds Available	255,599
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	(254,022)
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of March)	1,577

Miriam Circle

10:00am Tuesday, May 26th in the Fireside Room.

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, May 28th in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle

3:00pm Thursday, May 28th in the Alpha Room.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. We are studying ABIDE by Jen Wilkins. This is an in-depth study of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd epistles of John. This study includes a video and guided group discussions. The Epistles were written to the followers of Jesus who were NOT eyewitnesses to Christ's ministry.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets Monday mornings after Bible study (around 11:15 AM). If you have prayer requests, you may click the prayer request "button" in the CLC weekly email or call the Church secretary. You may also drop a written prayer request in the offering plate. We celebrate the power of prayer.

Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (05/21/2026), in the Alpha Room at 10 AM. May's selection is *Making the Best of What's Left* by Judith Viorst. Viorst is well known for her children's books and collections of poetry.

Judith Viorst, now in her nineties, reflects on a writing career that has spanned more than fifty years. She is voicing her personal reflections from the perspective of someone who is in the "Final Fifth" (individuals who are eighty to one hundred years old) of life. She uses humor and vulnerability as she shares anecdotes and observations of a long life.

- 5/21/26 *Making the Best of What's Left* by Judith Viorst
- 6/18/26 *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan
- 7/16/26 *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto
- 8/20/26 *What Kind of Paradise?* by Janelle Brown**
- 9/17/26 *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian
- 10/15/26 *The Correspondent: A Novel* by Virginia Evans
- 11/19/26 A biography or memoir of your choice

Please join us. If you use the library, always check the availability of the selection as well as the Lucky Day shelf. Some of the titles later in the year have long wait lists. **Note that the August selection has changed.** If you would like more information for Monday Morning Bible Study, Prayer Group or Book Discussion contact Mikel Robinson: text or call (253)307-9373 or email at mar8412@hotmail.com.

May Worship Helpers

8:30am	05/03	05/10	05/17	05/24	05/31
Ushers	Dave Bennett Dick Ferrell	Carl & Karen Peterson	2 Needed	Dick Ferrell Dale Moultime	Carol-Wray Sturgill 1 Needed
Greeters	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Sandy Reed Ellie Wilson	Carol-Wray Sturgill 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Communion Set up	Mike Seiber Sandy Tommervik	Robbie Courts Katherine Knutson Grace Meloney	Veronica Hagman Francine Sumrell	Dan & Suzanne Weimer	Veronica Hagman Carissa Thomas
Reader	Anne Cook	Katherine Knutson	Carissa Thomas	Kate Amundson	Robbie Courts
Reader for Prayers	Lindsay Johnston	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Anne Cook Jill Johnston Lark Moore Orvick	Mike Courts Robbie Courts 1 Needed	3 Needed	3 Needed	Mike Courts Robbie Courts 1 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Sylvia Allen Lark Moore Orvick	2 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Dave Bennett, Linda Cole	Nancy Selland	Bob & Sylvia Allen	Dale & Kristin Moultime	Needed
10:30am	05/03	05/10	05/17		05/31
Ushers	Ben Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	Rod & Sharon Shaffer		2 Needed
Greeters	Donna Cordingly Sean Roy	Ken McDonald 1 Needed	2 Needed		Carl & Karen Peterson
Reader	Theresa Luedtke	Christian Nisonger	Mikel Ann Robinson		1 Needed
Reader for Prayers	Theresa Luedtke	Laree Winer	1 Needed		1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Rod Shaffer Sharon Shaffer Laree Winer	Mikel Ann Robinson 2 Needed	Lisa Korsmo Mikel Ann Robinson Laree Winer		3 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Donna Cordingly Kira Korsmo	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed		2 Needed

The Worship Helper sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Place.

Please join Dale and Kristin Moultime and their family to celebrate their 50th anniversary with a special coffee hour on May 24th.

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2 TGLS 9am
3 PB&J Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	4 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	5	6 Rooted Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm Anchored 6:00pm	7 Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	8 Office Closed Seniors Trip 9:15am	9 TGLS 9am
10 Mother's Day Traditional Worship 8:30am Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	11 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am Men's Meal & a Movie 5pm	12	13 Thrivent Workshop Noon Anchored 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	14 Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm MomCo 5:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	15 Office Closed	16 TGLS 9am
17 Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	18 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	19 Book of Acts Study 10:30am Book of Acts Study 7pm	20 Anchored 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	21 World Vision Volunteers 9am Book Group 10am Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm	22 Office Closed	23 TGLS 9am
24 Combined Worship 9:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 10:40am	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 Miriam Circle 10am	27 Anchored 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	28 Faith Circle 9:30am Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm Dorcas Circle 3pm MomCo 5:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	29 Office Closed	30
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