

Angela's

August 2026

From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

With the summer months now here, the question comes to my mind: What brings most joy to God? Our work or our play? On the one hand, when we do good work, we are expressing the presence of God the Creator. Therefore, our work...especially work that is honest, productive and that makes God's grace and justice more of a reality in the world,...certainly brings joy to God.

What about when we play? Does our play bring joy to God, or should we always feel a little guilty when we take time out for play?

The warmth and beauty of a Northwest summer certainly calls us out into the world to play. Scripture has some wonderful passages that tell us that God delights in our play as much as in our work. Here is a short essay by Frederick Buechner that honors our God-given urge to play.

"When King David's wife berates him for making a fool of himself by leaping and dancing before the ark of the Lord with all his might, he protests by saying that it seemed exactly the right thing to do considering all the Lord had done for him. "Therefore will I play before the Lord," he tells her (2 Samuel 6:14-21).

When God describes how he will rescue Jerusalem from his wrath and make it new again, "a city of truth" (Zechariah 8:3), he conveys the glory of it by saying, "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets" (Zechariah 8:5).

When the Psalmist praises God for creating "this great and wide sea, wherein are creeping things innumerable," he makes special mention of Leviathan, "whom," as he says, "thou hast made to play therein" (Psalm 104:25-6).

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The king, the boys and girls, the whale—they are none of them accomplishing anything. They are none of them proving anything. There's nothing edifying or educational or particularly helpful in what they are doing, nothing that you'd be likely to think of as religious. They haven't a thought in their heads. They are just play-ing, that's all. They are letting themselves go and having a marvelous time at it.

David has sweat pouring down his face and his eyes aflame. The boys and girls are spinning like tops. The whale has just shot a thirty-foot spout into the air and is getting ready to heave his entire one hundred and fifty tons into the air after it.

What is the wind doing in the hayfield? What is Victoria Falls up to, or the surf along the coast of Maine? What about the fire going wild in the belly of the stove, or the rain pounding on the roof like the Hallelujah Chorus, or the violet on the windowsill leaning to-ward the sun?

What, for that matter, is God up to, getting the whole thing started in the first place? Hurling the stars around like rice at a wedding, gathering the waters together into the seas like a woman gathering shells, calling forth all the creatures of earth and air like a man calling Swing Your Partner at a hoedown.

"Be fruitful and multiply!" God calls, and creator and creature both all but lose track of which is which in the wonder of their playing."

Now that the warm weather is finally here, have fun playing this summer. May you find great measures of God's grace and new life both when you work and when you play. During these savory days of summer, may you find yourself caught up in the Holy Dance in all that you do, and so find yourself drawn more closely into God.

In Christ,
Pastor Rick Jaech

A poster for 'Summer Worship' featuring a background of turquoise ocean waves crashing onto a sandy beach. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, 'SUMMER WORSHIP' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, 'Join Us' is written in a yellow, cursive script. Further down, 'THURSDAYS AT 12:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM' is written in bold black capital letters. Below that, 'WE WILL GO BACK TO OUR 8:30AM AND 10:30AM SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 20TH' is written in bold black capital letters. At the bottom, 'GATHER TOGETHER IN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP ALL SUMMER LONG' is written in blue capital letters.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Join Us

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Children & Families

We had a fantastic week at Rainforest Falls VBS this month! Over 170 kids learned that God is our Creator, God Knows Everything, God is Love, God is our Safe Place, and God is Forever! We had so much looking for God sightings, making fun crafts, singing and dancing, having storytime together and eating amazing snacks! We are so grateful for all of the prayers, snack and craft donations and all the volunteer support from all of you. Our VBS program is truly an amazing week of outreach ministry to our community. On Thursday night our entire sanctuary was completely packed for the program!

We also had several of the kids perform on Sunday morning, for a special VBS children and youth led worship service. We heard the Lord's prayer in 7 different languages, we had kids serving communion, and leading our prayers. I hope to start doing this more with our children and youth as they really love being involved in worship.

I am taking a couple of weeks of vacation in mid August, and then one week of vacation at the beginning of September. I am looking forward to some rest and rejuvenation before we kick off all our programming for fall in mid September.

As we move in to August, may we take the time each day to slow down and look for God.

Vicar Lyndi Reed



VBS



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 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!

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!

The Kindness Walk (Be Kind Do Good)

Pastor Jaech asked me to organize some hospitality on Aug 17, in the afternoon for two gentlemen who have a unique idea called The Kindness Walk.

The organizers/walkers want to spread kindness and homemade cookies from Shoreline to Olympia. This walk has no other agenda. Jim and Bob will start in Shoreline and walk for 9 days (7-12 mi per day), arriving at the capitol in Olympia on the ninth day. They are welcoming others to join in with them in our area.

THE MAIN THING I AM LOOKING FOR IS FOLKS TO JOIN IN PREPARING A POTLUCK DINNER ON THE 17TH, AND GIVING THEM A WARM WELCOME/BLESSING. I hope you will join me in welcoming Bob and Jim and, possibly, walking a ways with them, on the 17th or 18th. For detailed map/information please visit their website bekinddogoodwalk.com. This will be a fun way to join in their goal of spreading kindness...and we can all use more of that! A sign up sheet will be in the gathering space after VBS week or contact me to volunteer!

Thanks for your help,
Kristin Moulton (253-548-6998)

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

CLC Quilters are collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. They need; rulers (metric included), pens, blunt scissors, and pencil sharpeners. A list is available in the Gathering Place.

Save the Date

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

5pm Monday, Aug. 17th

We will be watching "Ordinary Angel"

Dinner: Pork Tenderloin, rice, green beans, green salads, rolls, and desserts.

Sign up in the Gathering Place.

CLC Seniors' Trip to the

8:30am Wednesday, Aug. 19th

Join the CLC Seniors for a ferry trip to Vashon Island. We will visit the lighthouse and the Bird King Troll. More information and sign up available in the Gathering Place.



July's Trip was to Bellevue Botanical Gardens

Mission Updates

MISSION POSSIBLE UPDATE

Last year the Mission Possible Team had a great week of work, worship and fellowship as we built with Habitat for Humanity in Wapato WA! This year we were unable to organize a trip, so we want to start early planning for a possible international trip next year. We will schedule a meeting in Sept to begin the conversation and will be looking for both ideas and leadership. There will be an interest sign up sheet later in Aug. Please join us in this exciting venture!

Kristin Moultime and Carl Peterson
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Thank you to all who have donated shampoo and pill bottles. This is the last batch we sent to the Tacoma Rescue Mission. This is an ongoing project so keep the bottles coming!



Call Committee Update

We invite you to join us for a Meet & Greet with Pastor Jake and his family on Sat. August 1st at 1pm, who is the candidate of choice for our next lead pastor.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on Pastor Jake as our next lead pastor on Sunday August 9th at 11:00 am.

With Thanks

From the VBS Kitchen...

We are deeply grateful for your generous support of the Vacation Bible School kitchen. Because of your help, we were able to feed more than 160 children and 80 volunteers over five days. Whether it was fruit for the volunteers or cake mix for Friday's monkey cupcakes, we could not feed all these people without your donations. Thank you!

Money Matters

June 2026 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	333,174
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	140,480
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	17,109
YTD Total General Funds Available	490,763
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	(490,763)
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of June)	0.00

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, August 27th in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle and Miriam Circle will resume in September. Have a great summer!

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will meet at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. The group will meet most Mondays during the summer. We will be studying *Never Give Up – GOD is Good When Life Isn't* by Max Lucado. This tackles ways to preserve while living amid life's storms. All are welcome to "drop-in" as they are able.

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.

Quilters

Quilters meet every Monday morning in the Fireside Room at 9am. All are welcome to join our quilters, no experience necessary, if you can tie a knot we have a job for you! Contact Nellie Schoenberg for more info.

Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (08/20/2026) at 10 AM in the Alpha room. August's selection is *What Kind of Paradise* by Janelle Brown. Jane is a teenager, raised by her father in an isolated cabin in the 1990s, totally removed from the outside world...

Jane and her father live "off the grid" in the wilds of Montana after her mother was killed in an automobile accident. As Jane becomes a teenager she begins to question the boundaries of her restricted world. When Jane is left alone while her dad needs to "make some arrangements" she begins to investigate her dad's papers – there are photos, names and newspaper articles that cause her to question who she really is. She becomes entangled in a crime and must flee into a world that is pushing her into the confusing world of the personal computing age with no knowledge of how to negotiate in modern society.

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| 8/20/26 | <i>What Kind of Paradise?</i> by Janelle Brown |
| 9/17/26 | <i>The Jackal's Mistress</i> by Chris Bohjalian |
| 10/15/26 | <i>The Correspondent: A Novel</i> by Virginia Evans |
| 11/19/26 | A biography or memoir of your choice |
| 12/17/26 | <i>The Mistletoe Mystery</i> by Nita Pose |
| 1/21/27 | <i>The Sound of Gravel</i> by Ruth Wariner |
| 2/18/27 | <i>Theo of Golden</i> by Allen Levi |

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. 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.

August Worship Helpers

9:30am	08/02	08/09	08/16	08/23	08/30
Ushers	Ben Sclair Carol-Wray Sturgill	Dick Ferrell 1 Needed	Jennifer Campbell 1 Needed	Rod & Sharon Shaffer	Dale Moultime 1 Needed
Greeters	Kristin Nisonger Sean Roy	Trish Lewis Cheryl Wilpone	Sharon Shaffer 1 Needed	2 Needed	Monika Kozakowski Kristin Moultime
Communion Set up	Robbie Courts Carissa Thomas	Robbie Courts 1 Needed	2 Needed	Robbie Courts Veronica Hagman	2 Needed
Reader	Fran Phelan	Christian Nisonger	Anne Cook	Bob Allen	Fran Phelan
Reader for Prayers	Ben Clark	Lark Orvick Moore	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Karen Claussen Kira Korsmo Lyndi Reed	Lark Orvick Moore Carol-Wray Sturgill Thomas Thompson	Anne Cook Karen Claussen 1 Needed	Robbie Courts 2 Needed	Rod Shaffer Sharon Shaffer
Communion Clean Up	Sylvia Allen Deb Sclair	2 Needed	Karen Claussen Kim Dixon-Scarlett	2 Needed	2 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Amy Bowers Kira Korsmo	Diane Chamusco Linda Cole	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed

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

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!



AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Meet & Greet 1pm
2 PB&J Sunday Summer Worship 9:30am	3 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	4	5	6 Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	7 Office Closed	8
9 Summer Worship 9:30am Special Congregational Meeting 11am	10 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	11	12	13 Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	14 Office Closed	15
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