

# ANGELOS

## August 2025

### Acts: The Continuing Story of Jesus

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach . . ." Acts 1:1

One of my hopes as I begin the final season of my working life is that I do not fade out. I don't want to be a pastor you'll remember by thinking, "He was old and tired and needed to be done!" I want to finish strong.

In that light, I'm thinking about this fall and coming school year. One of the big pieces of my fall will be a trip to Greece and Turkey called 'In the Footsteps of Paul.' Together with 8 people from Christ Lutheran and about 20 from Little Church on the Prairie we'll follow in Paul's steps to places like Corinth, Thessalonica, Athens and Ephesus.

With that trip in mind, I'm thinking about a large group Bible study for the coming year based on the Book of Acts. Among other things, Acts is a missionary document showing the sure but steady growth of the Christian movement. From a small group of Jerusalem based Jewish believers to Gentile Jesus-followers living in Rome, the Christian movement, led by God's Spirit, made its way through the Roman world (and eventually beyond that!). It was able to breach ancient walls – Jews and Gentiles, men and women, citizens and slaves – in a way no movement had previously been able to do. It set in motion culture changes that would impact the world at large.

Luke, who authored the gospel with his name, makes clear that Luke-Acts is a two-volume work. Volume one, the gospel, tells the story of what Jesus began to do. Acts tells what Jesus kept on doing, now through the agency of the Holy Spirit poured into the lives of his followers. All of it is the Jesus story.

I think it's an exciting way for me to go out by using Acts to think



'The Day of Pentecost'  
by Jen Norton

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about what Jesus was doing in that first century and what that means for us in the 21st century. How great would it be when a new pastor gets here for him or her to find that God's Spirit is alive here, and we are a missionary people?!

At some point in August, I'll have a table set up to sign up for a year-long study on Acts. We'll follow a similar pattern to what we did this past year with Mark's Gospel – 1 time together each month as a large group, and then 2 other times with a small group. We'll start in September and end by May or June.

In addition to the Bible study, I'll start the adult education year with a class called 'In the Footsteps of St. Paul.' Though most of you won't be on that Greece/Turkey trip, this will be an opportunity to explore those ancient places on either Thursday afternoon or Sunday morning. In particular, I want to think about what was happening in those ancient places that speaks to what's happening in our world today.

The movement of God's Spirit is among the most exciting things in the world. Let's explore that movement and pray that it is happening among us!

**With excitement for a coming school year!**

**Pastor Ralf**



**The main street in ancient Ephesus**

### **God in the Movies**

The final movie in the summer series is 'The Shack', based on a best-selling book by a Portlander, William Young.

**Preview:** Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Sermon:** Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Readings:** Psalm 88, Romans 8:18-39, Matthew 6:5-15



# **PB&J SANDWICHES FOR THE TACOMA RESCUE MISSION**



**Would you be willing to make some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for outreach to deliver to the Tacoma Rescue Mission's "search and rescue" team?**

**Creamy peanut butter preferred, one sandwich per ziplock bag  
DROP OFF TO CLC ON SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD!**



# Fall Preschool & Latchkey

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

**We still have a few spots left for the 2025–2026 school year!**

**Ready for a year of learning–laughter, and growing in God’s love?**

**Join our preschool family—where faith,  
friendship, crafts, and play fill every day!**



**Register now before the spots are gone!**

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**REGISTER  
NOW!**



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## LATCHKEY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Latchkey is a state-licensed childcare facility providing quality care for children ages 5 to 12 to attend before and after school hours during the regular school year. Latchkey is open 5 days a week, Monday through Friday.

### Hours:

AM Session: 6:30am - 8:10am

PM Session: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

### Contact Us :

[latchkey@clc-lakewood.org](mailto:latchkey@clc-lakewood.org)  
**(253) 820-2268**

# Children & Families

VBS was once again, "The BEST week of the summer!" This year we had 170 kids attend our True North VBS where they learned that they can TRUST JESUS in this wild world. And it would not have been possible without the 103 volunteers who made it happen. From crafts, to snacks, and from recreation to Bible story time the kids traveled through five different Bible stories and memory verses. And the music was, of course, another highlight of the week.

A special shout out to Betsy and Deb who did an amazing job again of transforming our building and making it really feel like you were stepping into Alaska. They spearheaded all the decorations and had a great group of more volunteers who decorated in the weeks leading up to VBS.

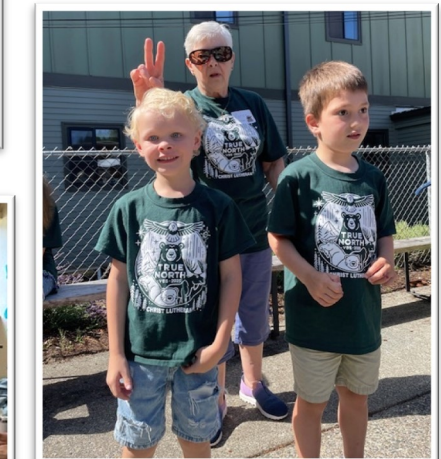
I want to also thank all of you who donated crafts supplies, snacks, and financial donations to help make this week happen. All of your donations and support truly make Christ Lutheran Church VBS, "The BEST week of the summer". THANK YOU!

This past Sunday was so special with the baptisms of Amyrah and Athena. Their mom, Zynayia, grew up at Christ Lutheran and moved to Arizona, but she really wanted her girls baptized here at CLC. What a JOY!!! Welcome to the family Amyrah and Athena, you are dearly loved!

Lyndi









# Upcoming Events

## Messiah Help Needed

Sylvia Allen is looking for people who are willing to help update the electronic mailing lists, develop or update publicity announcements, and write articles for community newspapers. All can be done on your home computer at your convenience. Contact Sylvia Allen for more information.

A graphic with a background of autumn trees. The text reads: "STARTING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> SERVICE TIMES". A box on the right lists the times: "8:30 Traditional", "9:40 Fellowship", "10:30 Contemporary". Below the box, it says "Nursery available all morning!".

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Nursery available all morning!

# Church News

The Endowment Committee would like to recognize and congratulate the three recipients of scholarship awards for this year. These awards of \$1500 to each student were given based on academic performance, community service and how their Christian faith helped them achieve success in their lives.

Congratulations to the 2025 Scholarship recipients:

Aaron Miller - George Fox University

Nataley Smith - Central Washington University

Ava Scarlett - Pierce College

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN MISSION PROJECT SEPTEMBER 7-12

OUR PROJECT IS WITH YAKIMA VALLEY PARTNERS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (YOU CAN FOLLOW THEIR PROJECTS ON FACEBOOK) OUR LOCATION WILL BE WAPATO.

OUR CONTACT PERSON IS CHELSEA TRAMMELL @ 509-388-7775 OR 509-453-8077.

OUR PROJECT IS 8AM-4PM WITH HALF HOUR LUNCH. HABITAT WILL PROVIDE ONE LUNCH FOR US. T-SHIRTS AND A WELCOME BAG PROVIDED.

COST IS \$200 PER PERSON AND WE WILL HAVE HOTEL COSTS AS WELL (COMMITTEE MEMBERS FELT SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR AT A CHURCH WOULD NOT BE AN OPTION) CLC HAS AMPLE FUNDS TO COVER THESE COSTS.

50% DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE TRIP AND THE REMAINDER UPON ARRIVAL. ALL VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE DEPOSIT (AUG 7TH)

IT IS POSSIBLE TO WORK PART OF THE WEEK AS LONG AS YOU ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION.

WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 6 VOLUNTEERS...MORE ARE PREFERRED

WHAT JOBS CAN WE ANTICIPATE? INTERIOR WORK, LANDSCAPE/WEEDING/CLEAN UP, PAINTING. SOMETIMES SOMEONE WANTS TO COME AS MEAL SUPPORT, PLANNING AND SHOPPING. BOTH COSTCO AND WINCO ARE NEAR THE HOTEL.

TEAMS GENERALLY PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE RECIPIENT FAMILY. THE RECIPIENTS ARE A COUPLE WITH TWO BOYS, AGES 2 AND YOUNGER.

LONG PANTS AND CLOSE TOED SHOES ARE REQUIRED.

WE WILL HAVE DAILY SAFETY MEETINGS AND WORK PLAN FOR THE DAY.

WE CAN SHARE A MEAL OR ICE CREAM WITH THE RECIPIENTS IF WE CHOOSE TO.

If you have any question please contact Kristin Moultime.



# Mark Your Calendar

## CLC Seniors' Trips

### Lunch at the Rainier Room

11:00am Wednesday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

Lunch at the Rainier Room, Clover Park Technical Colleges fine dining program. We are limited to eight people for this trip. Reservation need to be made by Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. For More information, see the signup sheet in the Gathering Place.

### Point Defiance Zoo

9:15am Wednesday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a day at the Point Defiance Zoo. We will have lunch at the zoo or you can bring a picnic lunch. For More information, see the signup sheet in the Gathering Place.

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

5pm Monday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>

We will be watching episodes 7 & 8 of "The House of David".  
Sign up in the Gathering Place.

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In July, the CLC Seniors visited the Lavender Farms in Sequim.



## Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

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

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### Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study meets at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. We will finish “Mostly What God Does” by Savannah Guthrie. This is a collection of essays in which the author shares her personal stories of the importance of faith in her everyday life. For information about books, please contact Barb Kurtz. New members are welcome.

### 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" of 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. Please join us- no experience necessary!

### Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (8/21/2025) at 10:00am

The August selection is *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan Henry. This book is the back story of the *Chronical of Narnia*.

- 8/21/25      *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan Henry
- 9/18/25      Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto
- 10/16/25     *Ella* by Diane Richards
- 11/20/25     A biography or autobiography of your choice
- 12/18/25     *Christmas Crimes at the Mysterious Bookshop* edited by Otto Penzler

Please join us. If you use the library, always check the availability of the selection as well as the Lucky Day shelf. If you would like more information for the Prayer Group or Book Group, please email Mikel Robinson at (mar8412@hotmail.com) or call/text 253-307-9373.

# August Worship Helpers

9:30am	08/03	08/10	08/17	08/24	08/31
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Ferrell Carol-Wray Sturgill	Rod & Sharon Shaffer	Ken Brown <b>1 Needed</b>	Dale Moultime <b>1 Needed</b>	<b>2 Needed</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Gayle Courts Penny Jasso	Cheryl Wilpone <b>1 Needed</b>	Don & Donna Crump	Cheryl Wilpone <b>1 Needed</b>	Phyllis Stone Eric Warn
<b>Reader</b>	Fran Phelan	Theresa Luedtke	Anne Cook	<b>1 Needed</b>	<b>1 Needed</b>
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	Veronica Hagman <b>1 Needed</b>	Carol Brown Robbie Courts	Carol Brown Robbie Courts	Kristin Moultime <b>1 Needed</b>	Robbie Courts <b>1 Needed</b>
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Anne Cook Karen Claussen Lisa Korsmo	Mike Courts Robbie Courts <b>1 Needed</b>	Bob Allen Karen Claussen <b>1 Needed</b>	Kristin Moultime Carol-Wray Sturgill <b>1 Needed</b>	Karen Claussen <b>2 Needed</b>
<b>Communion Clean Up</b>	Karen Claussen Ellie Wilson	<b>2 Needed</b>	Karen Claussen <b>1 Needed</b>	Kristin Moultime <b>1 Needed</b>	<b>2 Needed</b>
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	Rod & Sharon Shaffer	<b>Needed</b>	Hal & Kate Amundson	Linda Cole Krista Kollin	<b>Needed</b>

The Worship Helper sign up sheet is 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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@clc-lakewood.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you!

## Money Matters

June 2025 Offering and Expense Report	
YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	327,298
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	77,106
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	53,667
YTD Total General Funds Available	458,070
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	(488,230)
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of June)	(30,160)



# AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
<b>3 PB&amp;J Sunday</b> Summer Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:40am	<b>4</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Summer Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:40am	<b>11</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Seniors Trip 11am	<b>14</b> Worship Noon <b>Movie Viewing 1:30pm</b> Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b> Movie Viewing 5:30pm
<b>17</b> Summer Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:40am <b>MomCo Meetup 11:30am</b>	<b>18</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am <b>Men's Meal &amp; a Movie 5pm</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Book Group 10am Worship Noon <b>ECCE Meeting 4pm</b> Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Summer Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:40am	<b>25</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Faith Circle 9:30am Worship Noon Exec Meeting 4:30pm Council Meeting 5:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>29</b> Seniors Trip 9:00am	<b>30</b>
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