

The End Is Just the Beginning

Fall is here. Our brisk mornings remind us that the seasons are changing, even if some afternoons are still surprisingly warm. In the life of the church, this time of year also marks the end of one year and the beginning of another.

As we approach the end of the church year, we celebrate the rich liturgical observances of Reformation Sunday, All Saints' Day, and Christ the King Sunday. These celebrations serve as a climactic exclamation point at the end of our annual journey through the life of Jesus. At the same time, they point us toward the promise of Christ's return and the hope that, just as Jesus reigns over all things now, one day heaven and earth will be fully united under his healing authority. Listen for this hope on Sunday in the book of Revelation, where John says, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This vision reminds us that our ultimate hope is not simply an escape from this world into some otherworldly existence, as is sometimes emphasized in Christian circles. Rather, our hope is that God will one day heal and renew the world he first called good, a world that has since fallen into brokenness and folly (Genesis 1–3). As we confess in the Apostles' Creed, "We look to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

Growing up, both as a child and a young adult, I rarely heard people talk about Jesus' return. And when it did come up, it often felt like

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an odd part of the biblical story that we didn't quite know what to do with. Part of the difficulty is that biblical books like Revelation are filled with strange imagery and symbolism that can feel unfamiliar to modern readers. We of course find comfort in the idea of going to heaven and being with God, but we're sometimes less sure what to make of the Bible's broader vision of how God will ultimately restore creation.

The more I've explored the biblical story, however, the more I've come to appreciate just how central this hope is to the Christian faith. Without it, the biblical story is missing its climactic ending! God's story doesn't conclude with a broken world left to its own devices. It moves toward the fulfillment of God's purposes and a renewal of the creation that God deeply loves.

This shift in perspective, though it may seem small, can make a significant difference in how we live out our faith today. Rather than focusing exclusively on the afterlife, we begin to ask how we can participate in God's healing work in the world here and now. At its core, this means following the example Jesus gave us in his own ministry: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and proclaiming the forgiveness of sins. As we look forward to the day when God will make all things new, we are called to embody that future hope in the present.

If this topic interests you, I encourage you to explore it further in N. T. Wright's book *God's Homecoming: The Forgotten Promise of Future Renewal*.
-Pastor Jake Shumacher

Installation for Pastor Jake Schumacher

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate this new milestone for our church.





Messiah Sing Along

Christ Lutheran will once again host the Sing Along Messiah on December 6. Last year's event was so successful that we ran out of parking, musical scores, chairs and even cookies! So, we are asking for your help to continue to provide this wonderful gift to the community. We need volunteers to help distribute flyers, set up the church, make cookies, pickup and return the harpsichord, and act as hosts at the event. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Sylvia Allen at 253-677-8287.





Children & Families

I survived my first year of Seminary! Yes, this is the pile of books and papers I read or wrote in this first year. Many of you came to the Adult Ed hour where I shared some highlights of my first year. I am so very grateful for all the prayers, support and encouragement. It has been A LOT to work full time and go to school full time, but I survived and learned so much!

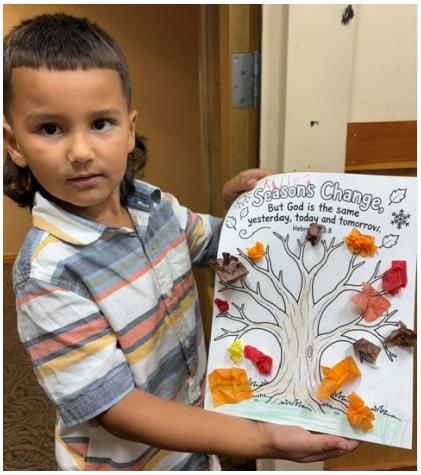
I just started three new classes this fall 1) Lutheran Confessional Writings, 2) Epistles (Romans thru Revelations) and 3) The Gospel of Luke. This term has a lot of reading!

October was a busy month with Preschool and Latchkey Chapels, Rooted on Wednesday nights, Kids Club on Sundays, our Moms group called Grace in the Chaos and several big events. It is such a joy to see so many people attending Wednesday nights.

As the month comes to an end, I will be having some foot surgery on the 30th. I will definitely be out for at least a week, but Michele Green, Betsy Miller and Meagan Jensen will be covering Sundays and Wednesdays.
Vicar Lyndi















Trunk Or Treat



















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 food bank 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 still 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!

Worship Helpers
We are trying something new! Please fill out the purple Worship Helpers sheet at the Welcome Desk. We have started assigning Worship Helpers based on the responses we have already received, but need more help each week. This is a great way to be involved in Worship each week. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!

Quilters
This year the quilters made;
104 quilt, 96 school kits, 2 baby quilts, and 8 sewing kits.

The quilts and kits will be sent to Lutheran World relief for distribution.



Save the Date

Men's Monday Meal & a Movie At Mike's
5pm Monday, Nov. 16th
We will be watching "The Chosen" Season 6 Episodes 1 & 2.
Dinner: Lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, and dessert.
Sign up in the Gathering Place.

CLC Seniors' Trip to The Lemay Car Museum
9:15am Friday, Nov. 13th
Join the CLC Seniors for a trip to the Lemay Care Museum. More information and sign up available in the Gathering Place.



October's Trip was a visit to The Tacoma Greek Festival.



Mark Your Calendars







CLCW

Faith Circle
9:30am Thursday, November 19th in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle
3pm Thursday, November 19th in the Alpha Room.

Miriam Circle
10am Tuesday, November 24th in the Fireside Room.

Monday Morning Bible Study
Bible Study meets Mondays, at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. Our new selection is The Names of GOD written by six dynamic authors. Each contributor will cover an aspect and perspective of the identities of OUR LIVING GOD: YHWH, CHRIST, and PARACLETE; from Genesis to Revelation.

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.

Quilters Silent Auction
The CLC Quilters will have their Annual Silent Auction Nov. 9th - Nov. 29th. The highest Bidders will be contacted Nov. 29th. The Quilters will match the proceeds from this years auction and send the total to Lutheran World Relief Disaster Fund. We appreciate your participation.

Book Group
The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (11/19/2026) at 10 AM in the Alpha room. November is biography/memoir of your choice. Select a person of interest and share their story with our group. It is said: Truth is stranger than fiction! This tradition has become like a spellbinding history class. I always find out interesting facts about prominent figures.

12/17/26 *The Mistletoe Mystery* by Nita Pose

1/21/27 *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner

2/18/27 *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

3/18/27 *The River is Waiting* by Wally Lamb

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 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.

Youth Group

Christ Lutheran Church Youth is back in action this fall! And we have had an exciting start!

This past September we hosted two joint events with middle and high school students, bringing our large group together! This included a Sunday lunch at the Korsmo home where we enjoyed pizza and games. We also hosted a clothing swap/ice cream trip, where the girls brought clothes to exchange with one another and boys enjoyed a trip to Coldstone Creamery!

REIGN (high school, led by Kira Korsmo and Tyler Reed) and Anchored (middle school, led by Rylie Reed and Matthew Fulcherl) have been meeting regularly on Wednesday nights. REIGN is diving into the Alpha Youth program this fall and asking the big and small questions that form community and bring us closer to Christ.

While September was filled with activity, we also started October with a bang!, and hosted Fast Food Formal! Students arrived at church dressed in their best and were greeted by a red carpet and sparkling cider served on silver trays! From there, our limo drivers (that's right- limo drivers!!) drove us around town for our three course meal; hors d'oeuvres at Taco Bell, dinner at Popeye's, and finally, la glace from the royal Queen of Dairy. Thank you to our security detail, Matthew Fulcher and Rylie Reed, who greeted us at each location with set tables of white linen and candelabras!

Thank you for your support of CLC Youth. It is our honor to walk alongside each of these young people and dive deeper into the adventure that is life with Christ, together!

If you are a young person or have a young person in your life who wants to be connected to youth, please reach out to Kira Korsmo and/or Tyler Reed for more information!

- REIGN meets every first Sunday (at church), second, third, and fourth Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm (alternating between the Korsmo and Reed home, schedule will be sent at beginning of month)

- Anchored meets weekly on Wednesday night at church. Dinner is served at 5:30, Anchored program to follow from 6:00-7:00pm

Kira Korsmo







November Worship Helpers

8:30am	11/01	11/08	11/15	11/22	11/29
Ushers	Dick Ferrell Francine Sumrell	Dave Bennett Harry Haroldson	Dick Ferrell Harry Haroldson	Dale Moultine Ken Brown	2 Needed
Greeters	Carol-Wray Sturgill Cheryl Wilpone	Fran & Mel Keuch Sally Willamson	Gayle Courts Francine Sumrell	Kate Amundson Kristin Moultine	Katherine Knudson 1 Needed
Communion Set up	Donna Crump Francine Sumrell	Robbie Courts Carissa Thomas	Bob & Sandy Reed	Robbie Courts Veronica Hagman	Dan & Suzanne Weimer
Reader	Anne Cook	Mike Courts	Ben Clark	1 Needed	Katherine Knudson
Reader for Prayers	Kristin Moultine	Carissa Thomas	1 Needed	Robbie Courts	Carissa Thomas
Communion Assistant	Anne Cook Jerry Dunlap Marien Dunlap	Bob Allen Mike Courts Robbies Courts	3 Needed	Robbie Courts Linda Evanson 1 Needed	3 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Kristin Moultine 1 Needed	Sylvia Allen 1 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	2 Needed	Diane Ledesma Lark Orvick Moore	2 Needed	Kristin Moultine	Jose Hernandez Valinda Menendez
10:30am	**11/01**	**11/08**	**11/15**	**11/22**	**11/29**
Ushers	Scott Buser Ben Sclair	Jennifer Campbell 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed	Scott Buser 1 Needed
Greeters	Jan Brown Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Trish Lewis Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Rod Shaffer Sharon Shaffer	Donna Cordingly Theresa Luedtke	2 Needed
Reader	Mikel Ann Robinson	1 Needed	Christian Nisonger	Theresa Luedtke	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Michele Green Kira Korsmo Mikel Ann Robinson	Lyndi Reed Kristi Roy Thomas Thompson	Karen Claussen Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	Donna Cordingly 2 Needed	Karen Claussen 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Mikel Ann Robinson Deb Sclair	Nancy Selland 1 Needed	Karen Claussen Mikel Ann Robinson	Donna Cordingly 1 Needed	Karen Claussen 1 Needed

Money Matters

September 2026 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	480,667
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	68,578
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	135,221
YTD Total General Funds Available	684,466
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	707,033
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of Sept.)	(22,567)

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