



New Beginnings

As I sat down to write my first newsletter article at CLC, I found myself reflecting on all that has happened to bring me to this point.

At the beginning of the summer, I had a conversation with Pastor Michelle from the synod about several church openings. She told me about a wonderful congregation in Lakewood and emphasized the talented staff and strong lay leaders who make CLC such a special community. When I agreed to submit my profile for consideration, it felt like a prayerful leap of faith, trusting in her intuition that I might be a good fit for this church.

Over the next couple of months, through interviews and in-person visits, I had the opportunity to experience firsthand why she felt that way. I want to especially thank the call committee and council for their support throughout the process and for making everything so welcoming and easy to navigate. From the beginning, I sensed their passion for ministry and their desire to build upon the meaningful work that is already happening at CLC.

My first two weeks with you have only reinforced that impression. From vibrant worship to wonderful fellowship, it is clear that people love being part of this church—and it shows.

One of my goals in the coming weeks and months is to get to know you better. I've been meeting with various teams and small groups

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and learning more about the many ways CLC lives out its mission. I managed to lose a couple of games of cribbage with the Evanson family and their regular players. I visited the Tillicum Food Bank, and I even got to ride in the van with the middle school boys—which is always an adventure.

Through these experiences, I'm learning more about the history and culture of CLC, as well as the shared story of faith that has shaped this congregation.

I also can't wait for you to meet Mandy and our boys, Henry and Luke. We're looking forward to being fully settled in the area soon and beginning to make it our new home.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have given me. I'm grateful to be here, excited for what lies ahead, and looking forward to walking alongside you as we continue to grow together in faith and ministry.

God bless,
Pastor Jake

Thank
you!

THANK YOU FOR THE BEYOND
GENEROUS GIFTS AND WELCOME. WE
ARE EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE CLC
FAMILY. - SCHUMACHERS

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who showed up to help for our yard work party. Because of your hard work our grounds look beautiful! Thank you!



Children & Families

As summer is coming to an end and fall is beginning, I am reminded of how much I love living in Washington state where we typically get a taste of all 4 seasons. I am one of those people who truly loves every season.

God promises us that "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22

This rhythm of creation is an annual reminder of **God's unchanging faithfulness** and His incredible, overflowing abundance.

In Kids Club and at Rooted, we have been talking a lot about God's abundance. One week we looked at and talked about how God didn't just decide to make an apple, he made so many different kinds of apples for us to enjoy. We cut up and tried 5 different kinds and talked about how they were the same and how they were different. Overall, the kids decided they really loved "Cosmic Crisp" and they also loved the green apples as long as they had caramel with it.

We also had fun on one of our Wednesday nights at Rooted packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief with Thelma. The kids packed 78 kits and it was so beautiful to see how interested they were and happy to pack kits for kids all over the world who do not have basic school supplies. We watched a video of kids receiving kits in Tanzania and the kids noticed how different their classrooms looked (very bare). We talked about how we can share our abundance with others, and how us sharing our abundance is one of the ways we share God's abundance.

On a personal note, I passed my Greek class this summer and my 3 new classes begin September 29th. I will be taking Lutheran Confessions, The Gospel of Luke and Epistles (Romans - Revelation). I will not be in the office on Thursdays for this term, as I have class pretty much all day on Thursdays. On October 8th & 11th I will be leading an adult ed class where I will be talking about my 1st year of Seminary. On October 15th and 18th I will be sharing about my class this summer called, "Mission in a Post Christian Society", which was a week long class in London. I am excited to share with all of you my insights, lessons and blessings I've gathered from my seminary studies so far.

As we move into Fall, this beautiful new season, may your hearts be renewed by the sheer abundance of His grace!

Vicar Lyndi





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 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!

October Outreach Project

The Outreach Team is participating in Tacoma Rescue Mission's "Socktober" and welcomes CLC support in collecting new, warm socks during the month of October for individuals and neighbors experiencing homelessness and hardship.

In anticipation of the coming colder weather, other cold weather items, such as gloves, hats, and scarves are also appreciated.

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!

With Thanks!

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Thank you for your generosity. We had more than enough materials for the bags we plan to send.

CLC Quilters

Save the Date

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

5pm Monday, Oct. 19th

We will be watching "Luther".

Dinner: Bratwurst, red cabbage, spätzle, sour kraut, and dessert.

Sign up in the Gathering Place.

CLC Seniors' Trip to The Tacoma Greek Festival

10:15am Friday, Oct. 9th

Join the CLC Seniors for a trip to the Tacoma Greek Festival. More information and sign up available in the Gathering Place.



September's Trip was a visit to The Burke Museum in Seattle.

Mark Your Calendars



Starts October 8th

- ♥ All moms with kids birth - 18
- ♥ 2nd and 4th Thursdays
- ♥ 5:30-7:30pm
- ♥ Dinner and childcare are provided

Please see Lyndi if you are interested in helping with childcare



REDEEMED ETERNALLY IN GOD'S NAME
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Good food. Fun games. Great conversation.

Meets on the 1st Sunday and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month 6:30-8:00 PM

Contact Kira Korsmo and Tyler Reed for more details



Candy Needed for
Trunk or Treat!
Drop off donations at
the Welcome Desk.

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, October 22nd in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle

3pm Thursday, October 22nd in the Alpha Room.

Miriam Circle

10am Tuesday, October 27th 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: FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT; 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 will have their annual Quilting Marathon and lunch Monday, October, 19th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Everyone is invited, no experience necessary!

Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (10/15/2026) at 10 AM in the Alpha room. October's selection is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Sybil Van Antwerp wrote letters; letters to friends, family, educators, authors ... this is her story.

"Sybil Van Antwerp has written letters throughout her life. As retired lawyer, mother grandmother, ex-wife, she begins each day by sitting at her desk and corresponding with her world. She not only writes to family and friends she will send letters to authors, columnists, anyone who interests her. She is opinionated and enjoys sharing her views with others.

This is a view of her life through letters and replies. Sybil, in her seventies, is reflecting on the people and events that have shaped her. Through her letters the reader has a look into the layers of her life and her relationship with the world. She is haunted by a decision she made as a young lawyer while confronting the death of her son. As she experiences the loss of her sight, she seeks ways to impact and change some of her relationships. This is a novel that encourages each of us to write a note to someone."

10/15/26 *The Correspondent: A Novel* by Virginia Evans

11/19/26 A biography or memoir of your choice

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

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.

Rally Sunday Ministry Fair

Thank you to everyone that attended the Rally Sunday Ministry Fair. We had a great turn out and new interests in the ministries at CLC.



October Worship Helpers

	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25
Ushers	Dick Ferrell Francine Sumrell	Dave Bennett Harry Haroldson	Dick Ferrell Carol-Wray Sturgill	Ken Brown Dale Moultime
Greeters	Carol-Wray Sturgill 1 Needed	Don Crump Sally Williamson	Gayle Courts Francine Sumrell	Kristin Moultime 1 Needed
Communion Set up	Mike Seiber Francine Sumrell	Donna Crump Mike Seiber	Donna Crump Mike Seiber	Robbie Courts Veronica Hagman
Reader	Anne Cook	Bob Allen	Kate Amundson	Kristin Moultime
Reader for Prayers	Carissa Thomas	Carissa Thomas	Robbie Courts	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Anne Cook Jerry Dunlap Marien Dunlap	Lyndi Reed 2 Needed	Lyndi Reed 2 Needed	Mike Courts Robbie Courts Carol-Wray Sturgill
Communion Clean Up	2 Needed	2 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Hal & Kate Amundson	Diane Chamusco Linda Cole	Jose Hernandez Valinda Menendez	2 Needed
10:30am	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25
Ushers	Ben Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	Rod Shaffer Sharon Shaffer	Carl Peterson Karen Peterson
Greeters	Jan Brown Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Robyn Peterson 1 Needed	Thersea Luedtke 1 Needed
Reader	Mikel Ann Robinson	Fran Phelan	Mikel Ann Robinson	Thersea Luedtke
Communion Assistant	Michele Green Kira Korsmo Mikel Ann Robinson	Lyndi Reed Kristi Roy Thomas Thompson	Lisa Korsmo Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	Donna Cordingly Rod Shaffer Sharon Shaffer
Communion Clean Up	Mikel Ann Robinson Deb Sclair	2 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	Donna Cordingly 1 Needed

Money Matters

August 2026 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	48,504
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	2,839
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	9,681
YTD Total General Funds Available	61,024
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	74,358
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of Aug.)	(13,334)

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