

ANGELOS

October 2025

Is 'Revival' Lutheran?

*"Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?"*
Psalm 85:6

Lately I've begun listening to various podcasts while in the gym. One of the one's I've enjoyed is connected to Alpha, the home and small-group centered approach to reaching others with the Christian message (we've done a number of rounds of Alpha here at Christ Lutheran).

I recently watched Nikki Gumbel, for many years the leader of the Alpha movement and an Anglican cleric, doing a talk at an Alpha leadership conference. His talk was called 'The Healing of the Nations.' One of the things he said that we see in the history of the church is that crisis (in culture and the church) always precedes renewal.

If that's true we must be on the cusp of something significant! I don't remember a time in which our nation has been more fractured and divided than it is now (and I lived through the 1960's and through the early 70's!). But there are indications that interest in Christian faith and church-going are on the rise, especially among younger people. 'The Spectator', a weekly British political and cultural news magazine had an article, "A Christian revival is under way in Britain." British churches, long largely empty, are filling up.



March 2024 cover of 'The Spectator'

A recently released Barna study says the same thing about church-going in the United States. In an interview about the killing of Charlie Kirk,

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Roman Catholic Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York predicts this will, “spark faith revival among youth”.

We have just begun a yearlong study on the Book of Acts, in part because I’m interested to see what happened 2000 years ago to account for the dynamic spread of the Christian message. There were no leadership seminars or evangelism conferences, and no experts on church growth. Mostly what you had were ordinary people who had come to believe the gospel story of Jesus.

Empowered and filled with the Holy Spirit (also called the Spirit of Jesus Christ in Philippians 1:19), these ordinary Christians became members of a movement that was to impact their world.

Revival is a word usually associated with Pentecostals, and sometimes Baptists. But what was the Luther movement in the early 1500’s other than a revival – people experiencing the love of Jesus Christ in personal ways? Luther described his own experience in revival-like language:

“I felt that I had been born anew and that the gates of heaven had been opened. The whole of Scripture gained a new meaning. And from that point on the phrase, ‘the justice of God’ no longer filled me with hatred, but rather became unspeakably sweet by virtue of a great love.”

Luther’s own heart had been renewed and the coldness of so many Christian lives was warmed by the presence of God’s Spirit. The month in which we remember the Reformation (Reformation Day is October 26) would be a great month for a renewal to begin among us.

I long for the warming and renewal of God’s Spirit again, especially in my own life!

I would love nothing more than to retire from Christ Lutheran in the midst of revival! A church growing ever deeper in its love of Christ and ever more passionate in sharing the love of Christ with others.

There is an old hymn that includes this verse and chorus:

Revive us again - fill each heart with thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.

Amen!

**With a fervent prayer that we not miss the movement of God’s Spirit,
Pastor Ralf**

Remembering Bob Anderson

A number of weeks ago we received the news that Bob Anderson had passed away on September 1st.

Bob and Alice were long-time members of Christ Lutheran who only recently moved to a care center in Seattle to be closer to their sons.

I had the privilege of visiting with them several times when they were living at the retirement community, Cogir at the Narrows. We always had good conversation with lots of remembering of Christ Lutheran stories. Bob (and Alice) were dedicated golfers (Bob shot his 3rd hole in one at age 87!), Bob was a long-time member of our church choir and the Normanna Choir. But most notably, Bob and Alice were married for almost 77 years!

Bob’s family is opting to wait for a memorial service, perhaps having a joint service when Alice passes away. Remember Alice in your prayers, and thank God for such a long and faithful marriage!

Children & Families

It is officially fall and that means that there is a lot happening here at CLC and in our community. My schedule is filled with Kids Club, Rooted, MomCo, Chapel Time, family, and a lot of reading for school. As I reach out to our families each week, I hear about Girl Scouts, football, soccer, baseball, dance, open houses, and so many other things that keep families busy this time of year.

In Kids Club (during both our 8:30 and 10:30 services), we will continue to focus on the gospel stories that Pastor Ralf is preaching on in worship, and some weeks we will do some of the more traditional Bible stories. Monthly, we will also do an outreach project of making sandwiches or packing dog food to go to the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

In Rooted this month, I am focusing on Moses and his journey in leading the way for the Israelites. We'll talk about ways God teaches us to lead and learn ways we can trust God to lead us.

Last week, after our 2nd MomCo meeting of the year, I stood in the Gathering Place at 7:30pm and just marveled at how good God is. Over 30 women and 20 children filled our Gathering Place with laughter and joy. This ministry is flourishing and it is so beautiful to watch it grow and provide a place for moms to connect and grow!

I invite you to pray for all of these ministries. They all take substantial planning, many dedicated volunteers, and a heart for loving and serving others.

As for me, I am fully immersed in my classes at Luther Seminary. I am currently taking History of Christianity 1, Thinking Theologically, and Christian Public Leader. I have a lot of reading, papers and so much to think about and ponder. My current classes will go through mid-December. Thank you for continuing to pray for me as I learn some new rhythms in balancing all these things.

Vicar Lyndi Reed



MomCo

MomCo has had such an incredible start to the year! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 5:30–7:30pm, sharing a meal, fellowship, and plenty of fun. We already have over 25 moms registered, some of whom are brand new to our church, and the group is full of energy, laughter, and connection. Lyndi has been doing a wonderful job running KidsCo, making sure all the kids are cared for and having fun while the moms enjoy time together.

It's been a joy to see friendships forming and families blessed through this group. Every gathering feels welcoming and encouraging, and it's clear that God is at work building community through this ministry. If you'd like to support MomCo by volunteering—whether with meals, childcare, or behind-the-scenes help—we would love to have you join us!

-Hannah Elliott and Danielle Rozul



Money Matters

July 2025 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	367,151
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	83,368
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	69,044
YTD Total General Funds Available	519,564
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	560,222
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of July)	(40,658)

August 2025 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	410,890
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	90,941
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	82,140
YTD Total General Funds Available	583,970
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	634,275
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of August)	(50,305)

Youth Group

September marks the start of a new school year, the beginning of fall, and also the return of high school youth group! Tyler and I are excited to be back again hosting dinners, enjoying conversations around a table, playing fun games, and of course diving deeper into the love and friendship we have in Jesus.

As we have started our weekly hangouts backup, I am humbly reminded that young people deserve spaces where they can be themselves. Where they can enjoy a meal around a dining room table, and laugh with friends- this is the gift of community at its finest!

Please pray for Tyler and I as we prepare and plan fun activities this year. Please pray for our youth- that they feel Christ with them in their mundane, going to school life and that they can be their most genuine, God created, selves when they walk through the door to youth group and wherever else they go.

If you are a high schooler or have a high schooler in your life, join us for youth group on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. Location rotates between the Reed's and Korsmo's. Let Tyler or I know if you have any questions!

Kira Korsmo



Installation of Bishop Keith Marshall

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us
the Installation of

*Bishop
Keith Marshall*

SATURDAY | **11** | October 2025
2 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1515 Harrison Ave NW * Olympia, WA 98502-5352

The Spirit is Moving! Come, Join the Dance!

Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.

A light reception will follow the service.

Please RSVP to Stefanie DeZarn, Synod Administrator at
(253) 535 8300 or stefanie.dezarn@swwasynod.org by October 1st.

Southwestern Washington Synod - ELCA

Upcoming Events

Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree

Keep in mind the holidays are coming! While you are shopping for Operation Christmas Child, don't forget to look for gifts for the Angel Tree as well. We will start collecting gifts for the Angel Tree right after Thanksgiving.

Karen Claussen
Outreach Committee



Momco 2025

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, SUPPORTING, OR VOLUNTEERING AT MOMCO?

CONTACT HANNAH ELLIOTT OR DANIELLE ROZUL TO GET CONNECTED!

SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS FROM 5:30 TO 7:30

- SEPTEMBER 11
- SEPTEMBER 25
- OCTOBER 9
- OCTOBER 23
- NOVEMBER 13
- DECEMBER 11

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26TH

6:30-7:30PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
8211 112TH ST SW LAKEWOOD WA 98498

Mark Your Calendar

CLC Seniors' Trip

Chehalis Veterans Museum

9:00am Tuesday, October 14th

Join us for a trip to the Chehalis Veterans Museum and Lunch at McMenamins Olympic Club. For More information, see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place.



Our September trip was to the Seattle Museum of History and Industry.
Join us on our next adventure!

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

5pm Monday, October 13th

We will be watching Season 5 Episodes 3 & 4 of "The Chosen"

Dinner will be chili, cornbread, salad, and dessert.

Sign up in the Gathering Place.

Dog Food Drive

We are collecting bags of dog food (any size) for donation to the Tillicum Food Bank, Tacoma Rescue Mission, Nativity House, and the Lakewood Methodist Food Bank.

Packing Day: Thursday, October 30th at 9am.

Sign up in the Gathering Place.

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, October 23rd in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle

3:00pm Thursday, October 23rd in the Alpha Room.

Miriam Circle

10:00am Tuesday, October 28th in the Fireside Room.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study meets at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. The group has begun our study of *The Gospel on the Ground* by Kristi McClelland. The subtitle of the book, "The Grit of the Early Church in Acts" gives us a glimpse into the study of the culture, geography and lifestyle of the Early Church. 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" 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. Please join us-no experience necessary!

Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (10/16/2025), in the Alpha Room at 10 AM. October's selection is *Ella* by Diane Richards. This a "biographical fiction" look at the turbulent early years of Ella Fitzgerald.

Ella Fitzgerald was obsessed with dancing. She sneaked out to dance contests to earn money during the hard-times of the Depression. After her mother died when Ella was 15, she needed to earn more money to support herself and her sister. Ella ended up as a "numbers runner" for the mob. She was incarcerated in the New York Training School for Girls known for harsh treatment of the inmates. Ella escaped and came back to Harlem. She searched for an opportunity to dance her way into show business, but when her chance arrived she ended up singing instead. By age 21 Ella Fitzgerald became one of the bestselling female vocalists in America.

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 Monday Morning Bible Study, Prayer Group or Book Discussion contact Mikel Robinson: text or call (253)307-9373 or email at mar8412@hotmail.com.

October Worship Helpers

8:30am	10/05	10/12	10/19	10/26
Ushers	Carol-Wray Sturgill 1 Needed	2 Needed	Ken Brown 1 Needed	Ken Brown Dale Moultime
Greeters	Ken Brown Sandy Tommervik	Carol-Wray Sturgill Sandy Tommervik	Don & Donna Crump	2 Needed
Reader	Lindsay Johnston	Bob Allen	Grace Meloeny	Mike Courts
Communion Set Up	Carol Brown Robbie Courts	Bob & Sandy Reed	Carol Brown Robbie Courts	Carol Brown Kristin Moultime
Communion Assistant	Mike Courts Robbie Courts Linda Evanson	Bob Allen Lyndi Reed 1 Needed	Linda Evanson 2 Needed	Linda Evanson Kristin Moultime 1 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Sylvia Allen 1 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Kristin Moultime 1 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Rod & Sharon Shaffer	Paige Hansen	Hal & Kate Amundson	Diane Chamusco Barb Olson
10:30am	10/05	10/12	10/19	10/26
Ushers	Ben Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	Rod & Sharon Shaffer	2 Needed
Greeters	2 Needed	Cheryl Yannello 1 Needed	Cheryl Yannello 1 Needed	Rod & Sharon Shaffer
Reader	Theresa Luedtke	1 Needed	Linda Peightel	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Kira Korsmo 2 Needed	Karen Claussen Sharon Shaffer 1 Needed	3 Needed	Sharon Shaffer 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Deb Sclair 1 Needed	Karen Claussen 1 Needed	Linda Peightel 1 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!

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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rooted Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	2 Worship Noon Exec Meeting 4:30pm Council Meeting 5:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	3 Office Closed	4 TGLS 9am
5 PB&J Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	6 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	7	8 Rooted Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	9 Worship Noon MomCo 5:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	10 Office Closed	11 TGLS 9am Yard Work Party 9am
12 Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	13 Men's Meal & a Movie 5pm	14 Seniors Trip 9:00am	15 Rooted Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	16 Book Group 10am Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	17 Office Closed	18 TGLS 9am
19 Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	20 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	21 Book of Acts Study 10:30am Book of Acts Study 7pm	22 Rooted Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	23 Faith Circle 9:30am Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm MomCo 5:30pm Dorcas Circle 3pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	24 Office Closed	25 TGLS 9am
26 Reformation Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Trunk or Treat 6:30pm	27 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	28 Miriam Circle 10am	29 Rooted Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm	30 Worship Noon Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	31 Office Closed	

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