



From Pastor Jaech

Dear Friends in Christ,

*I thank my God for every remembrance of you,
always in every one of my prayers for all of you,
praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.
(Philippians 1:3-5)*

I have enjoyed so much being with you as your Interim Pastor for the past seventh months. It has been a rich and rewarding experience for me in so many ways.

The ministry that you are doing together at Christ Lutheran Church is exceptional: youth ministry, hospitality to newcomers, Latchkey, Preschool, Bible Study, Mom's group, quilters, music, worship, Men's Movie and a Meal night, Care Team visits to the home-bound, Senior trips, outreach to the neighborhood, support for the Synod...the list goes on. All of these ministries are being carried out by so many of you who have volunteered your time and skills for the mission of Christ Lutheran Church. It has been a special joy for me to work with your gifted church staff, who lead your ministries with commitment and exceptional talent.

I am very excited for you that you have called Pastor Jake Schumacher as your next Pastor. Pastor Jake is a gifted pastor who will bring many blessings to your church. As you work with

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him, I am confident that the Spirit of Christ will move through you in new and creative ways. Pastor Jake will begin his ministry with you on Monday, September 14. My last day with you will be Sunday, September 13. I look forward to our worship together that day, giving thanks for all that God has done in our midst.

I will continue to hold you in my prayers and I look forward to hearing about the ministry that Christ will stir up in your midst. May God bless you always!

Pastor Rick Jaech



Welcome Pastor Jake Schumacher

Christ Lutheran Church Family,

I wanted to introduce myself and my family. My name is Pastor Jake Schumacher, and I have been married to my wife, Mandy, for almost 12 years. We have two young boys, Henry (8) and Luke (6), who are both in elementary school.

Although I have experienced many different perspectives across a variety of Christian denominations, I have always felt grounded in Lutheranism's emphasis on the radical nature of God's grace and the truth that we are saved by faith alone. Preaching and leading worship are among the greatest joys of my ministry and the highlights of my week. I enjoy engaging with the weekly Scripture lessons, connecting them to the lives of the congregation, and hearing how God's Word is at work in others' lives.

As a pastor, this vision also shapes my approach to congregational outreach. I was very impressed with the meaningful ministries in which CLC is already engaged, and I seek to continue and strengthen that emphasis on being present and active within our community.

Through the guidance of faithful teachers and mentors, I developed a deeper appreciation and love for Scripture as I learned to read it within its proper literary and theological context. This experience has inspired a deep passion in me to help others grow in their love for reading and understanding the Bible, even amid its complexity. As Jesus teaches in Luke 24:27, all of Scripture ultimately points to Him. That truth has become central to my ministry: helping others recognize how the Bible reveals our need for a Savior and how Jesus fulfills that need, often in unexpected and profound ways.

Finally, my goal is to be present in the lives of congregation members. Intentional visitation is one of the best ways I get to know people on a deeper level and where much of pastoral care takes place. I also regularly bring Holy Communion to members who are unable to attend worship. During my visit, I was struck by the genuine friendships and sense of community among the members of CLC, and I would like to help cultivate the fellowship that makes belonging to a church family so meaningful.

We are so excited to meet you and look forward to learning more about the ministry, fellowship, and the many ways God is at work through Christ Lutheran Church.

Blessings,

Pastor Jake Schumacher

WELCOME
— OUR —
NEW PASTOR
— Please Welcome —
Jake Schumacher
WE'RE EXCITED TO BEGIN THIS NEW CHAPTER TOGETHER!

Join us as we celebrate this exciting
time in the life of our
church family

✠ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **JEREMIAH 29:11**

Children & Families



ROOTED

EVERY WEDNESDAY
STARTING SEPT. 16TH

5:30PM - DINNER
6:00-7:00PM - ADULT & KID CLASSES

ANCHORED

STARTS SEPT. 16TH

**ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS WELCOME
COME AS YOU ARE!**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

5:30PM-7:00PM

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- ✓ Games & Fellowship
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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SEPTEMBER 20TH @ BOTH SERVICES

Have your child bring their backpack to be prayed over during worship as they start the new school year!!

Bible Knowledge

What do People and Places in the Bible Mean

In July, I was the reader at one of the Thursday services. The reading started with the word Areopagus (Arr-eo-OP-ah-gus) in Acts 22:1. When I got home, I looked it up and found that it is a location in Athens, Greece, near the Acropolis. It has quite a biblical history. Reading about the Areopagus brought up many other names, locations, and terms I did not know. I looked those up also.

In looking at Bible information, the Bible we use (NRSVue) has 66 chapters, 31,103 verses, and 807,307 words. It contains over 3200 specific people, including kings, widows, and servants. Of those, there are about 1800 unique names, as many have the same name (14 Josephs). The Old Testament alone contains between 1,150 and 1,300 unique geographic place names.

I looked up each name and location mentioned in my reading that I was unfamiliar with. I came up with many. I suggested to Lyndi that I would put together a monthly summary of people and places mentioned in weekly readings and Gospels. Both Lyndi and Pastor Jeach thought this was an idea to try. I hope to produce a monthly summary of people, places, and locations listed in the readings and Gospel for each Thursday/Sunday in the ELCA Lectionary (Suggested readings for all 52 services to reflect the year's festivals).

Each time a name or place is mentioned in the Bible, it's for a different reason and with a different definition. Some months have many words to define; some months very few. A few of my summaries may not be the ones listed in the bulletin. At times, the pastor changes the reading or the Gospel to reflect the sermon.

All summaries will be available before the first service of the month. Summaries are available in the gathering place on the small table as you leave the Sanctuary.

Expanding Bible Knowledge,
Norm Andersen

Bible Names and Places

Compiled by Norm Andersen

Have you ever listened to the lectionary reading wondering who someone is or why they are important in the Bible? Pick up a purple sheet from the Prayer Table as you enter the sanctuary to learn more about names, places and phrases that appear in our lectionary readings throughout the month.

WHERE'S ABEL-MEHOLAH?

WHO'S JEHU?

WHAT DOES GOD OF HOSTS MEAN?

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!

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.



With Thanks!

Thank you to Jim Nicoles for replacing the torn flag outside the gym and making sure our Church looks beautiful!

Save the Date

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

5pm Monday, Sept. 28th

We will be watching "Seven Days in Utopia".

Dinner: Potato bar, green salad, and dessert.

Sign up in the Gathering Place.

CLC Seniors' Trip to The Burke Museum.

8:45am Wednesday, Sept. 15th

Join the CLC Seniors at the Burke Museum. We will have lunch at the Rez Café in the museum. More information and sign up available in the Gathering Place.



August's Trip was to Vashon Island to see the Bird King Troll.

Mark Your Calendars



Miriam Circle

10am Tuesday, September 22nd in the Fireside Room.

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, September 24th in the Alpha Room.

Dorcas Circle

3pm Thursday, September 24th in the Alpha Room.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will commence September 14, 2026, at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. At this time no material has been chosen, but we are looking at several good options.

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 (09/17/2026) at 10 AM in the Alpha room. September's selection is *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian. This is an emotional novel inspired by a historical footnote from the Civil War.

Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, 1864 – Libby Stedman's husband volunteered for the Confederate Army even though he had freed his family slaves. Word was sent that he had been captured and was in a Union prison camp. One thing keeping Libby, her teenage niece, a Freedman (Joseph, former family slave) and his wife alive is the gristmill that provides grain for the Confederate Army. Life is precarious as the fighting moves closer to the homestead.

Joseph discovers a gravely injured Yankee Officer in a deserted nearby house who had been left to die when his company needed to move. Libby must decide: Does she allow him to die or does she risk treason and try to save the captain's life. This is a gripping tale of a group of people navigating the boundaries of humanity and war.

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| 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.

September Worship Helpers

	Summer Worship @ 9:30am		Fall Worship @ 8:30am	
	09/06	09/13	09/20	09/27
Ushers	Francine Sumrell Thoams Thompson	2 Needed	Dick Ferrell Carol-Wray Sturgill	2 Needed
Greeters	Trish Lewis Sean Roy	Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Gayle Courts Francine Sumrell	Katherine Knudson 1 Needed
Communion Set up	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed	Robbie Courts 1 Needed	2 Needed
Reader	1 Needed	1 Needed	Mike Courts	Katherine Knudson
Reader for Prayers	Theresa Luedtke	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Anne Cook Kathey Buser Scott Buser	Thomas Thompson 2 Needed	Mike Courts Robbie Courts 1 Needed	Carol-Wray Sturgill 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Deb Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Rod & Sharon Shaffer			
10:30am			09/20	09/27
Ushers			2 Needed	2 Needed
Greeters			2 Needed	Donna Cordingly 1 Needed
Reader			1 Needed	1 Needed
Reader for Prayers			1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant			Lisa Korsmo 2 Needed	Donna Cordingly 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up			2 Needed	Donna Cordingly 1 Needed

Starting September 20th

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 Traditional
9:40 Fellowship
10:30 Contemporary

Nursery available all morning!

Worship Helpers

We are trying something new! Please fill out the purple Worship Helpers sheet at the Welcome Desk.

In September, we will begin assigning Worship Helpers based on your responses.

This is a great way to be involved in Worship each week.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!

October Worship Helpers

8:30am	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25
Ushers	Dick Ferrell Francine Sumrell	2 Needed	Dick Ferrell Carol-Wray Sturgill	Dale Moultime 1 Needed
Greeters	Carol-Wray Sturgill 1 Needed	2 Needed	Francine Sumrell Gayle Courts	Kristin Moultime 1 Needed
Communion Set up	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Reader	Anne Cook	1 Needed	1 Needed	Kristin Moultime
Reader for Prayers	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Anne Cook Jerry Dunlap Maren Dunlap	3 Needed	3 Needed	Carol-Wray Sturgill 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	2 Needed	2 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	2 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Needed	Linda Cole Diane Chamusco	Needed	Needed
10:30am	10/04	10/11	10/18	10/25
Ushers	Ben Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Greeters	Jan Brown Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Kristi Roy Sean Roy	Robyn Peterson 1 Needed	2 Needed
Reader	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed
Reader for Prayers	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Assistant	3 Needed	Thomas Thompson 2 Needed	3 Needed	3 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Deb Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed

Money Matters

July 2026 Offering and Expense Report

YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	374,981
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	63,165
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	122,589
YTD Total General Funds Available	560,735.60
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	560,736
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of June)	0.00

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