

Christ Lutheran Connections



Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool
Meridian Idaho
A Church of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

"Christ Lutheran Church exists to glorify God, by making disciples that reach up, reach in, and reach out."

"Summer"

'Tis summer, I know by the blue of the sky;
By the trees' deeper green, as beneath them I lie;
And more than all these, by the lovely wild rose
That now in the woodland its pink blossom
shows. ...

I feel the warm west wind fan gently my cheek
As I sit on the grass, far too happy to speak;
And then in the twilight I see the faint spark
Of the fire-fly, flitting alone in the dark.

Oh! long happy days, when 'tis full of delight
To roam in the meadows from morning till night!
Oh! summer, sweet summer! glide slowly away,
For I love in your warmth and your fragrance to stay.

—H.P. Nichols



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“WHY CHRISTIANS GO TO CHURCH”

In church a two-way communication takes place: God communes with us through His Word and we commune with Him in prayer and praise.

When we come to worship, we come to hear God's Word proclaimed and read, confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life with Him.

In our worship God communes with us in a very special way through the sacrament that is rightly called “Holy Communion.” In the sacrament Christ communes with us in a most effective way by giving us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The body and blood are received in, with and under the bread and wine. This sacrament and thus forgiveness cannot be received in one is not present to receive it.

Christians go to church to commune with one another. Here is another blessing one staying at home cannot receive. St. Paul says, **“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual song with thankfulness in your hearts go God.” (Col. 3:16)**

God's house is also a good place to commune with oneself, especially before the service begins. Someone has written: “Learn to take time to commune with yourself so that you can enjoy your own company rather than frantically searching for a social activity.”

Take time to consider all that your church offers: hearing and meditating on God's Word, confession and absolution of sin, holy communion, fellowship with others in the Body of Christ and a time for meditation. Wow – great reasons why Christians go to church.



CHURCH INFORMATION

August 2025 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in August are:

Purple Heart Day — August 7, 2025

Unity Sunday~

September 7th with Potluck/BBQ to follow.

BLESSING'S OF THE BACKPACKS

On this Sunday we will also be celebrating our new members!!!!

SAVE THE DATE: (S)

- Trunk or Treat,
Sunday, October
26th at 2 –5pm

- LWML Fall Bazaar

~ The bazaar is set for Saturday, November 1st From 9-3 pm. We need all kinds of household or garage sale items. Please bring these items to the LWML room. There is a box marked for Bazaar. Clean out what you don't want anymore and bring it to the church.

Here's what's
happening!



Celebrating Birthdays are:

04) Linnae Werhane
07) Jamie Bader
14) Mary Pasewalk
22) Ben Hussmann
24) Steve Haumann
25) Brenden Whalen



Caring Ministries

AUGUST 2025



SCHOOL KITS: We are gathering school supplies for Lutheran World Relief and City Light Home in Boise.

PLEASE TAKE SOME TAGS FROM THE TREE AS WE NEED TO GET HALF OF THESE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO CITY LIGHT HOME IN BOISE ASAP. THEY WILL BE STARTING SCHOOL SOON.

We will also accept **MONETARY DONATIONS** so we might buy the needed items. Please see Judy Krause or Mary Murray for the monetary donations . Please drop the items that you purchased in the collection box near the tag tree. Please return all donations back to church by **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th.**



Meridian Food Bank & BSU Food Pantry: For the month of August

we are asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate 12-4 ounce individual fruit cups.

Quilt Squares: Please help us sew quilt squares together. There are some located in the basket as you enter the sanctuary. These are for missionary projects. Questions: Contact Rose Ann Gebert.

MERIDIAN AND BSU FOOD BANK NEEDS

Through the end of March, we are collecting food donations for the Meridian and BSU Food Bank. Please consider adding something from the list below to your shopping cart.

CANNED VEGETABLES	DRY CEREAL
PANCAKE MIX	SYRUP
CANNED FRUIT	PORK & BEANS
SOUP	CHILI
MEAT RAVIOLI	STEW
PEANUT BUTTER	JELLY
TUNA	DRY BEANS
INSTANT POTATOES	PASTA
DRY RICE	SPAGHETTI
SAUCE	
RAMEN NOODLES	COOKIES/
CRACKERS	
MAC & CHEESE	LG. FRUIT
JUICE BOXES	

Diapers, formula and other things for babies are also needed. Individually packed items are needed also as 'treats' for the children who accompany their parents to the Food Bank to pick up food.





LWML is on Break until the end of the month. The next meeting will be announced in the weekly insert and E-News.

STEWARDSHIP:

Jesus' transforming presence

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector. This is why the people had such disdain for *Jewish* tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord. Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!



Christ Lutheran Preschool

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AUGUST News

Remember Preschool is ALWAYS enrolling throughout the summer.

Thank you! Caroline Hussmann

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

—Nelson Mandela

JESUS ALSO WARMLY WELCOMED CHILDREN. PICTURE HIM LIFTING AN INFANT INTO THE AIR OR TICKLING A GIGGLING YOUNGSTER WHILE ANOTHER CHILD, GRINNING, CLIMBS ON HIS BACK.

SUMMER USUALLY ALLOWS MORE TIME FOR FUN AND PLAY. SO USE THESE MONTHS TO TEACH THE KIDS IN YOUR LIFE – AND TO REMIND YOURSELF – THAT JESUS CAME SO OUR “JOY MAY BE COMPLETE” (JOHN 15:11). LAUGHING, PLAYING, HAVING FUN, RELAXING AND ENJOYING LIFE ARE PART OF LIVING AND LOVING AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES.

Puzzle!

The biblical calendar had many feasts and festivals. They were connected with the changing of the seasons or special events.

Use the code to find the name of the special days the Israelites observed.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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SEASON

HOLIDAY

1. End of Summer

New Year

I L H S S Z H S Z M Z S

2. Fall

Day of Atonement

B L N P R K K F I

3. Fall

Festival of Booths

H F P P L G S

4. Winter

Festival of Rededication

S Z M F P P Z S

5. Winter

Festival of Lots

K F I R N

6. Spring

Festival of Unleavened Bread

K Z H H L E V I

7. Spring

Feast of Weeks/Pentecost

H S Z E F L G

Answers: 1. Rosh Hashanah, 2. Yom Kippur, 3. Sukkot, 4. Hanukkah, 5. Purim, 6. Passover, 7. Shavuot

Bible Quiz

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- He was lame in both feet.
- His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- He was injured while playing with his brothers.

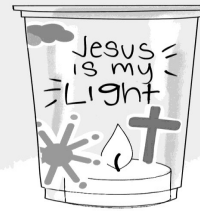


Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)

JUST FOR KIDS



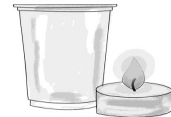
SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



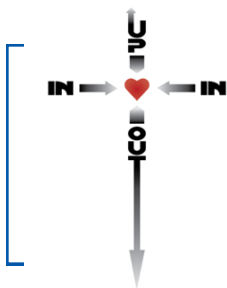
What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV





CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & Preschool

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Spend time with God this summer



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Worship Schedule:

Worship Service at 10:00am
Fellowship Time follows worship
Christian Education Hour at 11:30am:
Sunday School & Bible Studies for all ages

Church Office Hours:

9 am- 12 pm Wednesday and
Thursday
Pastor in office Tuesday-Thursday