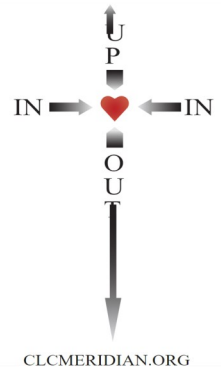




# Christ Lutheran Connections



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

## Faith That Blooms Anew

"Why are you anxious?" asked our Lord. Then He said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:28-29, NIV)

Jesus' words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter's gray. God's reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,  
When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant  
places,  
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,  
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### LENT

There is a line toward the end of T. S. Eliot's poem "Ash Wednesday", that says "This is the time of tension between dying and birth, the place of solitude where three dreams cross."

In the infant years of the church, there was a long period of preparation that led up to one's baptism. It was a time observed through fasting, solitude, prayers and reflection. The one who was about to be baptized, then, was living between dying and birth, between an end to the old self and a rebirth to new life as a child of God.

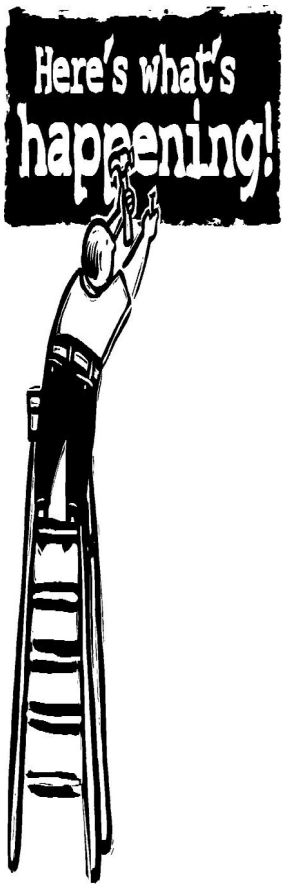
Lent began on Ash Wednesday. We will move through Lent looking at "The Gospel in Exodus" in preparation for Passion of our Lord. (Meals at 6:00 and the food is fantastic so come fellowship with us before worship.)

In Lent, as each of us lives between the tension of dying and birth, we are led by Christ into new possibilities for ourselves our families and our church. Indeed it was Martin Luther who suggested that repentance was a continual crawling back to the font, the baptismal womb-of-our-faith. Our Lenten journey can be an occasion for renewal focused on our baptismal remembrance and centered upon Christ's death and resurrection. It can be a time when our lives are changed and our Lord and His church are placed in proper relationship to one's total life.

God bless  
Pastor Dan

## CLC Library

Hey, we've heard about Bible study resource and technical books, what else is there? Great stuff for life is in our library. Practical resources like: "Becoming a Parent," "501 Practical Way to Love you Wife & Kids", "The Five Love Languages", "Laugh Your Way to A Better Mariage", "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families". Other titles include: "His Needs, Her Needs", "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus". These are just a few titles available to us all. Great stuff indeed. God bless.



**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Special Dates for March 2026**

- World Day of Prayer, *March 6, 2026*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 8, 2026*
- St. Patrick's Day, *March 17, 2026*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2026*
- Holy Week, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 29, 2026*



**LENT SEASON—  
February-March 25  
Wednesday evening :**

**Suppers at 6pm  
Services at 7pm**

We will have a menu weekly in the bulletin.

If you are attending, we are always welcoming: Rolls, salads, and desserts.

***Celebrating Birthdays are:***

- 02) Katelynn Whalen
- 06) Mary Santi
- 06) Lance Werhane
- 09) Virginia Hazzard
- 12) Caroline Hussmann
- 24) Luke Parker
- 26) Nancy Parker
- 26) Kim Wittmuss
- 27) Jane Gennrich
- 27) Judy Lacy
- 29) Joseph Teeple
- 30) Judy Krause



**WANTED: Family Favorite Recipes.**

We are going to assemble a Christ Lutheran Church Cookbook. Bakers and Chefs dig out your favorite recipes. Try to get the hidden gems of your family. (You know, the most-requested ones from the family reunions and parties!)

Write how you've acquired the recipe and from whom. We want to include the stories with our recipes, if space allows.

If you have cute little anecdotes, please share. We will use them for fillers.

Turn your recipes (with your name on) into the bin in the narthex under the mailboxes.

If you have questions, please talk to Pam.



***Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries are:***

- 26) Steve & Shirley Haumann (38 years)

# Caring Ministries 2026 Update

*Sick & Shut-in*



## EASTER SHUT INS:

EASTER IS APRIL 5TH. WE ARE WORKING ON GIFT BASKETS FOR THE SHUT-INS. THEY WILL NEED TO BE DELIVERED BY EASTER. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP. PLEASE TALK TO PAM OR MARY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER ONE OF THESE BASKETS. WE NEED HELP TO GET EVERY ONE OF THEM DELIVERED. PLEASE SIGN UP. ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IT ENTAILS TO VISIT A SHUT-IN?

IT IS A VERY EASY TASK. IT USUALLY ONLY TAKES 30MINUTES TO AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME. IT CAN BE A VERY REWARDING THING, TO GET TO KNOW THOSE MEMBERS WHO CANNOT TRAVEL TO CHURCH. IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PAM OR KATHY W. FOR MORE INFO.



**Quilt Squares:** See Rose Ann Gebert or Mary Murray if you would like to help sew some squares together. We will give you easy simple instructions. Please help us get some of these sewed together.



**Meridian & BSU food banks:** For the month of

March Caring Ministries is asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate 12 or 24 packages of Ramon noodles.

## 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.



**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**



*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace . (1Peter 4:10)*

Fifteen Purple Sisters (one by phone call) attended Christ Lutheran Church's LWML meeting on **February 11, 2026** at 1pm.

We are **collecting pill bottles** of all sorts in the narthex in the cubbies below the mailboxes. This is for the **Matthew 25 Ministries**. Informational sheets can be found in the cubby.

We will be posting our **12 Days of Circle** sketch video from Advent by Candlelight. More information to come.

We talked about printing a cookbook of favorite recipes and selling it at the Fall Bazaar.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Biennium Convention in Pocatello, ID May 1-3, 2026.

- Wendy Keith will be our voting Delegate!
- Voted on candidates for Convention.
- Ladies have homework to vote on Mission Grants for the UT-ID District.



We discussed the upcoming **CARD-MAKING PARTY** on **February 28, 2026 from 10am-1pm**. We will bring a sack lunch for after. We will be making and recycling cards of all kinds to sell at the Fall Bazaar. We will provide the instructions and supplies. Men and women of all ages are welcome!

WE DISCUSSED THE SHUT-IN VISITS. WE WILL DELIVER THEM BEFORE EASTER. PLEASE TALK TO PAM IF YOU WISH TO HELP DELIVER A BASKET TO A SHUT-IN. THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL MINISTRY.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Next LWML meeting is **March 11, 2026 @ 1pm**. All ladies are welcome! J
- Western Zone Spring Rally** at Beautiful Savior in Boise will be held **April 18, 2026**
- Spring Tea** will be **April 19, 2026** from 1-3pm.
- Utah-Idaho LWML's 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial District Convention** will be held **May-1-3, 2026 @** Grace Lutheran Church and School in Pocatello, Idaho.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML



# Christ Lutheran Preschool

A Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church  
March News

In February preschoolers focus on God's Love, Valentine's Day and Kindness. With many crafts, STEM activities, a chapel lesson from Pastor, and of course working on our academics. We have our Mitten Tree set up, and use it to teach the importance of giving to those in need. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a fun party, and will finish up our month with a field trip to the Reptile Zoo in Garden City! We are ramping up to begin enrollment for the fall in March. Keep in mind...any families who belong to our church, get a 50% discount!!

THANKS!! Caroline Hussman

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



# Puzzle!

## HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

### CODE:

A = ☺	D = ❄️	H = ☁️	M = ☆	P = ◆	T = ■	W = ☐
B = ●	E = ✦	I = ✨	N = ↑	R = ●	U = ☐	Y = 🌀
C = ☀️	G = 🌪️	L = ★	O = ↓	S = ○	V = ☒	Z = 🌀

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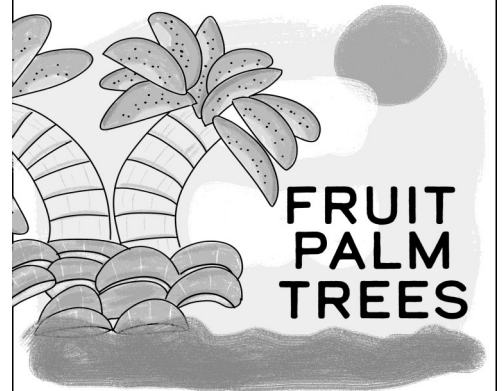
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Mediterranean Coast    ●    ✨    ✨    🌀    🌀



Answers: snow, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy

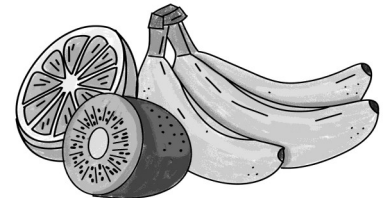
JUST FOR KIDS



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

### What you need:

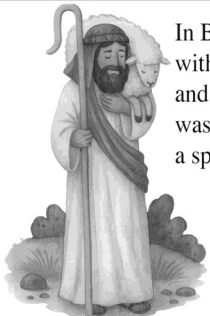
- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



### What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

## Bible Quiz



In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A Salt Solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5, ESV)

**Scripture Tie-In:**  
 "Blessed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord!"  
 —Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



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Kathy Whalen, Church and Preschool Office Manager  
Mr. Nick Dunn, Treasurer

#### Preschool Staff:

Mrs. Caroline Hussmann, Preschool Director  
Mr. Jake Greenwalt, Preschool Teacher  
Mrs. Kathy Whalen & Amy Werhane, Preschool Teacher  
Mrs. Caroline Hussmann, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

#### 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:

9am-12pm Tuesday  
12-- 2 pm Wednesday and  
9am -2 pm Thursday  
Pastor in office Tuesday-Thursday