

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."



Take Me to the River

God often works in unexpected ways. Just ask Naaman, the army commander in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Stricken with leprosy, he traveled to Israel seeking healing from the prophet Elisha. Instead of an impressive display or a grand ceremony, Elisha sent word for him to simply wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was not impressed. "Aren't the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" he asked. Why bathe in a foreign, muddy river when the clean, sparkling rivers of home were far more appealing? It didn't make sense. Yet what seemed absurd became the very path to his healing.

We may not be told to wade into an actual river, but we all face "Jordan moments" in life — times when God calls us to take a step that feels uncomfortable, humbling or completely illogical. It is in those moments that trust and obedience matter most.

Naaman's story reminds us that God's power is not limited by appearances or human reasoning. Sometimes the action that feels least likely to work is the one that opens the door to blessing. When God invites you to take the plunge, step into the water. You may find healing and hope waiting there.

—adapted from *Homiletics.com*



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Thanksgiving

Search engines are great. I did some "searching" and found some fun stuff. (see below)

Here are some famous quotes to get you thinking thankfulness!

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." — **William Arthur Ward**

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." — **John F. Kennedy**

"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has." — **Epictetus**

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." — **Karl Barth**

"Silent gratitude isn't very much to anyone." — **Gertrude Stein**

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." — **A.A. Milne**

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." — **Cynthia Ozick**

"Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you." — **Eileen Caddy**

We as the body of Christ give thanks with a grateful heart. We have a great precedent in Scripture for this. Strong's Concordance provides the following.

Used: Thank (s) (ed) (ful) 107 times Thanksgiving (s) 30 Times

WOW that's a bunch!!

So, what do Christians give thanks for?? We have a loving caring God that takes care of and provides for us. The most important was the sending of His only Son, Jesus.

We have Jesus! Who loved us so much He laid down His life for us to save us from our sins & make us right with God the Father. He then rose from the dead, victorious over death and we will too.

We have the power of the Holy Spirit that brings us to faith and then leads us in a faithful response to the great Gospel message of Christ's death and resurrection.

And if all that was not enough, we have earthly blessings by His care and provision. Houses to live in, food (freezers full), clothes, spouses, children from His blessing, and a long list for each of us. WOWIE Lots to be thankful for. Thank God for all of it!!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

God bless and keep,

Pastor Dan





NOVEMBER

Special Dates for November 2025

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2025
- Daylight saving time ends, November 2, 2025
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2025
- Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025
- Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025
- First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Thanksgiving Eve Service:

Wednesday
November 26th
at 7pm w/Holy Communion

CHURCH INFORMATION

Celebrating Birthdays are:

- 03) Margaret Kjellsen
- 04) Mary Murray
- 15) Rebecca Grillo
- 23) Tammy Whalen
- 25) Gary Mark
- 26) Kert Peterson
- 27) Toni Searles
- 28) Mary McNeel
- 29) Sharon Hamblen

LWML Fall Bazaar ~

Saturday November 1st
9am – 3 pm

We have TONS of vendors for your Holiday Shopping~
Scentsy, Home Décor, Hand-made Lotion and soaps, Homemade Candles, Books, Hats, Tupperware, Candy and MORE!

And don't forget our "2nd Time around"

"Sweet Shop" and
Meridian Famous

"Shepherd's Café" With our delicious soups and pies!

ADVENT

Our Advent services will begin on Wednesdays December 3, 10 and 17th

6 pm Supper

7 pm Service



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries are:

- 10) Beth and Mike Knarr ~46 years
- 21) Rosie and Grant Jones ~ 5 years
- 26) Pastor and Deb Jones ~ 13 years
- 28) Kevin and Amy Werhane ~ 33 years
- 28) Ken and angel Draheim~

Caring Ministries

NOVEMBER 2025



Boise Rescue Mission: For November we are asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate 4 cans of soup (10 oz.-19.5 oz.)

LWR We delivered 15 personal care kits and 15 school backpacks to Shepherd of the Valley. They were trucked to Portland last week. Many items will stay in the USA for disasters here in our country.



Shut Ins: Judy Krause will be asking for volunteers to deliver gift bags to our shut ins after the bazaar.

Please see Judy to sign up and deliver one of these bags to a shut in.

If you know of someone that needs to be added to this list, please see Judy.



Bazaar: Thanks to everyone who helped with any and all parts of the bazaar. It takes all of us to make this a success.

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.





**Next LWML Meeting is
November 12@ 1pm in the
Conference room. All ladies are
welcome.**

Our October LWML meeting was blessed with 14 ladies attending. Woohoo!

We discussed what a success LWML Sunday was. Wonderful entertainment, lots of **PURPLE** and delicious cake for fellowship.



The **NOISY Mite Collection** raised **\$197.89**. Praise the Lord!

National LWML **Mission Possible Mite Day** on September 16, 2025 **raised \$58,246.92**. (\$20k more than last year.)

We discussed up-coming shut-in visits.

We discussed final decisions for the LWML Fall Bazaar which will be held November 1. from 9-3.

If you're crafty, please donate some crafts to us. We need to fill our LWML table.



Please start digging out those recipes to make treats for the Sweet Shoppe. J



Upcoming Dates:

-LWML Fall Bazaar will be held **November 1. from 9-3.**

-Next LWML meeting November 12, 2025 @ 1pm.

-Advent by Candlelight/Men's Mixer will be held **December 14, 2025** from 1-3pm.

-Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) UT-ID Trip, El Paso, TX, January 10-17, 2026

-Utah-Idaho LWML's 40th 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
NOVEMBER News

October is a fun month for the preschool with all the fun Fall activities. We had our field trip to Shindig Farms Pumpkin Patch, which was so much fun! We also did our fall pictures, that we can't wait to get back from the photographer. We carved pumpkins, worked in fall themed crafts and activities, and had our Halloween parties. We also had many preschool families visit our annual Trunk or Treat despite the frigid temperatures.

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*



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

FEAST, KHAKI, MOUTH,
ESSAY, LLAMA, ORBIT, CARRY,
UDDER, BRUSH, ITEMS,
~~APPLE~~, LEARN, CIDER



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Answer: Praise the Lord!

JUST FOR KIDS



Thankful garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

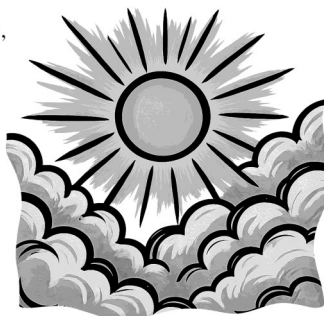
Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

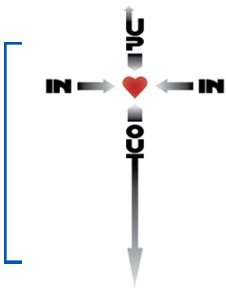
Bible Quiz

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Answer: C (See James 1:17)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Mrs. Trinity Dexter, 2 year old class

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- 2 pm Wednesday and Thursday
Pastor in office Tuesday-Thursday