

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."

A Letter from Christ

Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

"And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."



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Pastor's Corner for October

This month we celebrate fall. I have noticed the tree leaves are changing color and some are even falling off the trees already. Fall of course was the start for the school year and football season and other sports. Families are even busier than they were in the summer and sometimes even too busy. I have noticed that the stores have already put up Halloween decorations on one isle and Christmas decorations on another. Not sure where Thanksgiving decorations were put. All of the hustle and bustle bring a lot of anxiety and worry too almost everyone.

We get so caught up in our daily lives that we forget to keep our eyes on Jesus. Jesus states in Matthew 6:25, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what will you put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" Then in the end of this chapter verse 34, Jesus says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added onto you." Another passage from Matthew would be Matthew 11: 28-30, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." We need to put these passages in our minds and heart especially during this busy time of the year. Our focus not just on Sunday morning but every day, every moment we should always have our focus on Jesus in our lives.



Here's what's
happening!

 **OCTOBER**
2026

Special Dates

World Communion Sunday —
October 4, 2026
Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday —
October 11, 2026
Columbus Day observed — October
12, 2026
Indigenous Peoples Day — October
12, 2026
Reformation Sunday — October 25,
2026
Reformation Day — October 31, 2026

Caring Ministries:

Kits & Backpacks: We collected \$329 for healthcare kits. Twenty six healthcare kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. We dropped off many towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers and combs to City Lights.

We applied to Thrivent for a \$250 card for school supplies for our fundraiser. We also had donations of \$219. We were able to donate and send 15 school backpacks to Lutheran World Relief. We took backpacks, notebooks, crayons, rulers, pens, pencils, scissors, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, binders, pink erasers, and pencil bags to City Lights in Boise. It was all very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who donated to both of these outreach programs.

Celebrating Birthdays are:

01) Lexi Woodall
06) Andy Quisler
06) Daxton Seibold
15) Sean Whalen
16) Theodore Bader
16) Judy Cutler
16) Kevin Werhane
22) Kevin Murray
28) Jeryl Peterson
22) Cameron Seibold
30) Colt Parker

SAVE THE DATE: (S)

~Trunk or Treat

October 25th 1-4 pm we will need trunks hosted, bounce house supervisors, and of course **CANDY!!!**



~LWML

Fall Bazaar ~

Saturday November 7th

9am – 3 pm

We have TONS of vendors for your Holiday Shopping~ Scentsy, Home Décor, Handmade Lotion and soaps, Homemade Candles, Books, Hats, Gnomes, Jewelry, Crosses, Candy and MORE! And don't forget our “**2nd Time Around**”, **Chocolate Corner** and our **Meridian Famous “Shepherd's Café”**

With our delicious soups and pies!



CHURCH INFORMATION

Caring Ministries

OCTOBER 2026

Quilt Drawing: We will soon have the quilt hanging in the narthex. Holly Fietsch cut and sewed it with a friend of hers doing the quilting.



We are so blessed to have Holly's love for making quilts! Please tell her what you think of the quilt. We will be taking donations until the Sunday after the bazaar. We will then give it away.

Bazaar: The bazaar is Saturday, November 1st from 9:00-3:00 pm. We need all kinds of household or garage sale items for the "2nd Time Around" booth.



We will be asking for sweet goods for the "Sweet Shoppe". The LWML is also looking for crafts or homemade breads or recipe with ingredients in a jar.

We will be asking for all kinds of food for the "Shepherds Café". We need everyone's help from donations or helping on Saturday with the different booths we are sponsoring. It takes all of us to make this a success. **We will also need help on Thursday and Friday setting up. Then help taking it all down and resetting it for church on Sunday. Please volunteer!**

Boise Rescue Mission: For the month of October we are asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate 8 or more full sized bars of bath soap.

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.





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

LWML held meetings on August 26 and September 9, 2026.

We voted on the cookbook cover style and the title. Congratulations to Brittany Siebold , winner of the \$50 gift card for Texas Roadhouse who's title, "A Taste of Fellowship" was chosen. Runner-up was Wendie Teeple with "Heavenly Recipes".

Bazaar Season has begun...

Mary has been busy arranging help for the different areas. Amy Werhane and Kathy Whalen are dealing with the vendors. Once again, we plan to have a Raffle Basket and a Quilt to Raffle off.

We planned for LWML Sunday to be held on October 4, 2026. So, start saving your change for the Noisy Mite Offering held that day. Jingle, jingle.

We discussed the Western Zone LWML Rally CLC is hosting on October 24, 2026. The local Salvation Army will provide our Speaker and our ingathering will be for their food pantry. We planned the menu and the handout for each attendee.

If you have any questions about LWML and what we do, just ask Pam. There are many ways to participate.

Upcoming Dates:

- October 4, 2026 is LWML Sunday.** Bring your change and "shake it".
- Next meeting is **October 14, 2026 @ 1pm. All ladies are welcome!**
- Western Zone Fall Rally at CLC is **October 24, 2026.**
- Fall Bazaar at CLC on **November 7, 2026** from 1-3pm.
- Advent by Candlelight will be held on **December 6, 2026** from 1-3pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML

Thank you to all those who put on their thinking caps and thought up possible names for Christ Lutheran Church's Cookbook. It was hard to decide.
Here's the list...

Possible Names for Christ Lutheran Church's Cookbook

A Taste of Fellowship – Brittany Siebold - **First Place – Winner!**
Heavenly Recipes – Wendy Teeple – **Runner-Up**

Anyone interested in helping with the Bazaar, please see Mary Murray or Pam.

**ALL ladies are part of the LWML whether or not you attend meetings.
To know more, talk to Pam.**



Christ Lutheran Preschool

A Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church
October News

Preschool has started!! What an incredible first month of school we have had. The kids are settling in nicely and so excited for all the fun things ahead. We have our first field trip at the end of the month to the the Zoo, which is always a favorite! Our preschool has also started an Amazon Wish List for anyone looking to make a donation. While our tuition and registration cover the curriculum and supplies, many of our play items are staring to show a lot of wear & tear. You can find the link of Christ Lutheran Church's Facebook page.



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1O72587IXFR1V?ref_=wl_share

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*

We will be representing our Preschool and Church at the City of Meridian's Trunk or Treat Thursday October 22nd. As well as our trunk or Treat October 25th. We will need donations of candy or monetary donations for supplies. If you are interested in helping, see Tammy, Kathy, Amy or Caroline.





A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY
a = 7 e = 8
i = 10 o = 9
u = 11 y = 6

"He nd ll h s f m l

A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w r d v t nd

A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G d-f r ng; h g v

B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

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r g l rl ." cts 10:2, NIV

A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV



Bible Quiz



Psalm 103 (ESV) begins:

"Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his ."

What should we "not forget"?

- A. goodness C. gifts
B. kindness D. benefits

Answer: D. benefits (Psalm 103:2)

JUST FOR KIDS



Give Thanks with Music

Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!



What you need:

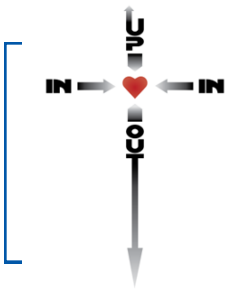
- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD.
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV



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Mrs. Caroline Hussmann, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
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