

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 Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

Lord of all seasons,
As the leaves change and the days grow cooler,
help me embrace the rhythm of your creation.
Teach me to let go of what I no longer need
and to trust your timing in every part of life.

Thank you for the beauty of autumn—
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest.
May this season deepen my gratitude,
renew my spirit,
and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

A Good Education

This time of year, we are reminded of the importance of education as schools, colleges and universities begin their fall semesters. We at Christ Lutheran are looking forward to pre-school opening with great joy and anticipation. Many people make great sacrifices to ensure that their children can attend the right schools, knowing that education is important to future success. This focus on education reminds me of something I read a while back that goes something like this.

It is important to know botany but more important to know the true vine.

It is important to know geology but more important to know the “rock of ages.”

It is important to know mathematics but more important to know the breadth and length and depth and height of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is important to know the facts revealed in the Encyclopedia Britannica, but much more important to know the eternal wisdom of God and His plan of salvation as revealed in the Sacred Scriptures.

As important as education is, it is more important that we know God and the things of God. Such education is more important because it has eternal consequences. All the other fields of learning will pass away. All the elements we study in chemistry we are told will be destroyed by fire. All the money that economists spend so much time worrying about will erode and decay. There are few things that we can learn and teach our children that have such eternal effect. But there is one thing that will endure forever and that is the Word of God. Jesus said, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away”* (Luke 21:33).

As a church and as individuals we have been given the task of **learning** and **teaching** that eternal Word. Jesus said to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and *“teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you”* (Matt. 28:20). He also said, *“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples”* (Jn. 8:31). Throughout our lives we are to continue to be students and teachers of God’s Holy Word.

Each of us has a place in Christian Education as a learner, as a teacher, as an enabler or encourager. I would invite and encourage you all to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ this fall through private, family or group study of the Word of God. Christ Lutheran Preschool kicks off the new year on September 3rd. Yippee. Please make this your time to begin or renew your commitment to the study and meditating on the Word of Life.

Here's what's
happening!



CHURCH INFORMATION

September 2025 Special Days:

Some of the special days celebrated in September are:

- Labor Day — September 1, 2025
- National Grandparents Day — September 7, 2025
- Patriot Day — September 11, 2025
- Hispanic Heritage Month — September 15-October 15, 2025
- First Day of Autumn — September 22, 2025

Sunday September 7th

Unity Sunday~ NEXT WEEK with Potluck/BBQ to follow.

BLESSING'S OF THE BACKPACKS On this Sunday we will also be celebrating our new members!!!!

Celebrating Birthdays are:

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| 1) Larry Moritz | 19) Rose Ann Gebert |
| 03) Gary Dudlicek | 20) Teresa Whalen |
| 05) Rebekah Cutler | 27) Loretta Kube |
| 06) Pam Quisler | |
| 10) Dirk Spackman | |
| 12) Wendy Keith | |
| 17) Ken Schmidt | |
| 18) Ryan Whalen | |

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Sunday October 26th
1-4 pm

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- LWML Fall Bazaar ~
Saturday November 1st
9am – 3 pm

CLC Library

Did you know that CLC has a library?? We do!! On the outside wall of the conference room is a wonderful little library. Last count we had over 10 different Bible translations on the shelf. Great for comparing and contrasting in study. I counted 4 Bible Dictionaries including Harper's and Davis. Great resources. Haley's Bible Handbook and two sets of Lutheran Bible Companion are available to assist in your Bible studies and learning. So, check it out.



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries are:

- 11) Teresa and Chris Whalen
14 years
15) Sean and Kathy Whalen
35 years
22) Gary and Judy Dudlicek
63 years

Caring Ministries

SEPTEMBER 2025

LWR: We have 15 personal care kits and 15 backpacks to send to Lutheran World Relief. We are working on quilts to send with these the end of September.



Meridian & BSU Food Bank:

For the month of September we are asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate 1-40oz. jar of peanut butter and 1-18oz. jar of jam or jelly.

Thank You to everyone who donated school supplies for the backpacks plus we took the extra items to City Lights for Women & Children. Many thanks for all the donations for the Personal Care Kits and we were able to donate many of these items to City Lights as well.

THANK YOU TO PAM AND ANDY for putting these together for us!!

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.





Twelve ladies attended the Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) LWML Meeting on August 20, 2025, when meetings resumed after the Summer break.

We were joined by Special Guest, CLC member, Mike Knarr, who shared information about the group he is associated with that feeds 75-150 homeless people once a month at Rhodes Skate Park in Boise. They give them prepared food, sometimes clothing and they distribute English and Spanish Gideon Bibles. As we no longer collect clothing for the Bazaar it was suggested that we possibly collect warmer clothing for them at a later date. **Please see Mike Knarr, if this interests you.**

We discussed collecting items for a small baby shower for the Spicher's new baby, James. The date is to be determined.

Caring Ministries reported that there were 15 School backpacks for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Leftover school supplies were taken to City Lights home for Women and Children, along with leftover Personal Care Kit items.

We're waiting for an estimate for stained glass repair work.

We talked about the Western Zone Rally coming up in Nampa. In-gatherings for Nesting Place Maternity Home and collecting material to make Bible covers for the UT-ID District Mission Trip.

The Bazaar will be held on November 1. From 9-3. We will advertise our event at the CLC Trunk or Treat event. If you're crafty, please donate some to us, or share your ideas with us. We need to fill our LWML table. Start digging out those recipes to make treats for the Sweet Shoppe.

Important Dates to Remember:

-Mission Possible Day of LWML Mite donation September 16, 2025...ALL DAY LONG!

The next ---**LWML meeting** will be held in **September 17, 2025 @ 1pm.**

-LWML Sunday will be held on **October 5, 2025.** Wear your Purple!

-Western Zone Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa, ID on **October 11, 2025.**

-CLC Fall Bazaar will be held **November 1, 2025 from 9am – 3pm.**

-UT-ID LWML mission trip to Ysleta in El Paso, Texas in **January 2026.** Register now.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML



Christ Lutheran Preschool

A Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church
September News

We enjoyed OPEN HOUSE on the 27th of August. The families enjoyed getting to know our teachers and church staff, as well as try out some of our new toys, and a new family checked out our new playground equipment. We look forward to starting this school year with new and returning students. We do still have a few spots open, so remember to share with anyone looking.

Thanks,

Caroline Hussmann
Preschool Director
Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool



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

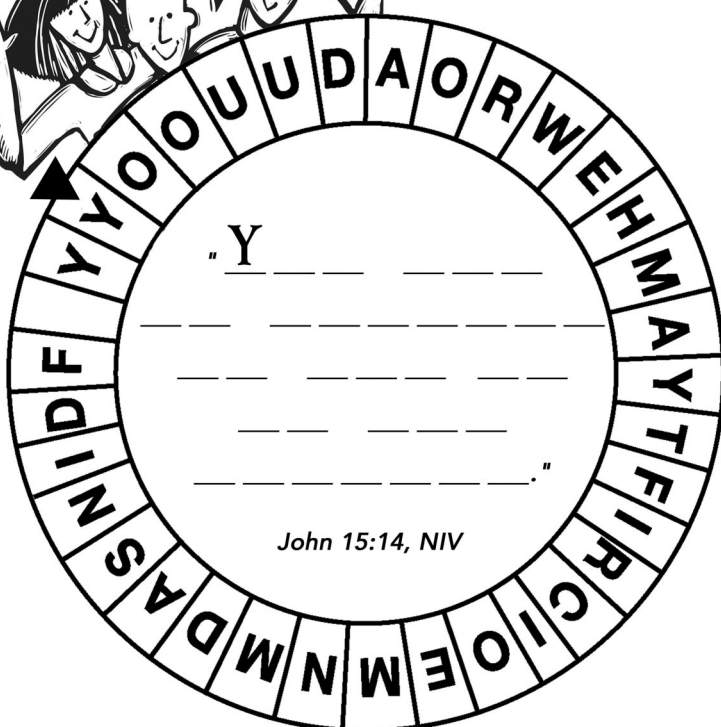


WHO WERE JESUS' FRIENDS?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends. Whom did Jesus consider his friends?



Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below.



Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV

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?

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



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

JUST FOR KIDS

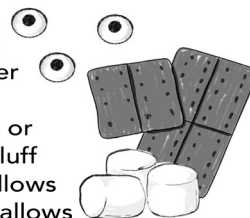


Sweet little sheep treats

Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

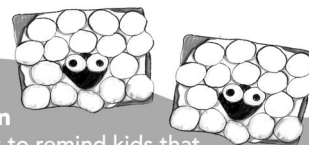
What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie



What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!

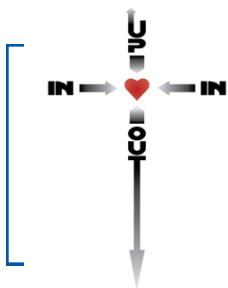


Lesson tie-in

Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:11, KJV



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & Preschool

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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