

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."

Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As Pastor recovers from his surgery keep him in your prayers. He will be back very soon.

Rest for the Soul

Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.



Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

Kits & Backpacks 2026

Donations collected for healthcare kits \$329

Lutheran World Relief: sent 26 healthcare kits

City Lights Boise: towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, and combs.



Donations collected for school supplies and backpacks \$219, plus a \$250 Thrivent card from Thrivent Action Teams.

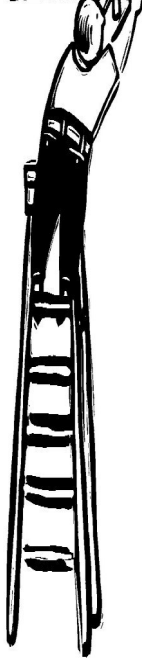
Lutheran World Relief: sent 15 backpacks with supplies.

Christ Lutheran Church students and confirmands, City Lights Boise, Christ Lutheran Preschool and teachers received:

Backpacks, notebooks, crayons, rulers, pens, scissors, pink eraser, pencils, glue sticks, pencil sharpener, hand sanitizer, pencil case, binders, gel pens, mechanical pens, pencil bags, markers, glue bottles, pencil grippers, watercolor paint, construction paper, sharpies, dry eraser markers, tissues, Clorox wipes.

Thanks to everyone who donated to both of these outreach programs. The children from CLC loved going into the youth room and shopping for school supplies that they needed.

Here's what's
happening!



CHURCH INFORMATION

Special Dates for September 2026

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2026*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2026*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 13, 2026*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15, 2026*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2026*



**LIFELINE
SCREENING~
LifeLine is
returning for a**

**screening day on
Saturday October 24th .**



**THANK YOU to all
who have helped
over the summer with**

**yard work, including the
playground and flower beds!!!**

**We are finally getting ahead of
the weeds and dry grass.**

Celebrating Birthdays are:

- 03) Gary Dudlicek
- 05) Rebekah Cutler
- 06) Pam Quisler
- 10) Dirk Spackman
- 12) Wendy Keith
- 18) Ryan Whalen
- 19) Rose Ann Gebert
- 20) Teresa Whalen
- 27) Loretta Kube

SAVE THE DATE: (S)

**LWML FALL Western
Zone Rally ~ Here at
the church. October
24th 9am**

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Sunday October
25th 1-4
pm**

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- LWML
Fall Ba-
zaar ~ Saturday No-
vember 7th 9am – 3
pm**



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries are:

- 11) Teresa and Chris Whalen
15 years
- 15) Sean and Kathy Whalen
36 years
- 22) Gary and Judy Dudlicek
64 years

Caring Ministries

SEPTEMBER 2026

BAZAAR: We will again have the "2ND TIME AROUND" BOOTH at the Bazaar, which is November 7th. It is similar to garage sale items. If you're cleaning out or changing decor in your home, please remember we can sell it here at the church. We can take small appliances, bedding, curtains, rugs, linens, small tables, dishes, glasses, bowls, pot & pans, and utensils. We are not taking clothes. If you're unsure if we want it, please ask Tammy Whalen, Mary Murray, or Pam Quisler. Please drop them off in the LWML room on the table or on the floor next to the table.



Meridian
Food Bank &
BSU:

For the month of September we are asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate a "12 count package of Goldfish snacks."

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.





Your LWML meetings will resume August 26, 2026 @ 1pm. All ladies please join us if you can.

We will jumpstart the bazaar planning.

We will make final decisions about the cookbook.

We will vote for the name of Christ Lutheran Church's cookbook.

Stay tuned to the newsletter to find out who submitted the winning name and won a \$50 gift card for Texas Roadhouse.



Every 2nd Sunday is Mite Box Sunday. We collect Mites for supporting Mission Grants, both local and worldwide. The box is labeled and located on the right side of the sanctuary as you walk in.

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

Upcoming Dates:

-Next meeting is **September 9 , 2026 @ 1pm. All ladies are welcome!**

Respectfully Submitted by,
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML



Christ Lutheran Preschool

A Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church
September News

WE HAD OUR BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH, AND HAD A GREAT TURN OUT. SO FUN TO SEE SOME MANY FAMILIAR FACES, AS WELL AS SOME NEW FAMILIES. SCHOOL STARTS ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH, AND WE ARE ALL SO EXCITED! THE TEACHERS WILL BE BUSY LESSON PLANNING AND PREPPING OUR CLASSROOMS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS! ALSO A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH PREPPING THE PLAYGROUND AND SPREADING THE NEW BARK. IT WAS NO EASY FEAT AND IT LOOKS AMAZING!!

Thanks,

Caroline Hussmann
Preschool Director
Christ Lutheran Church and
Preschool



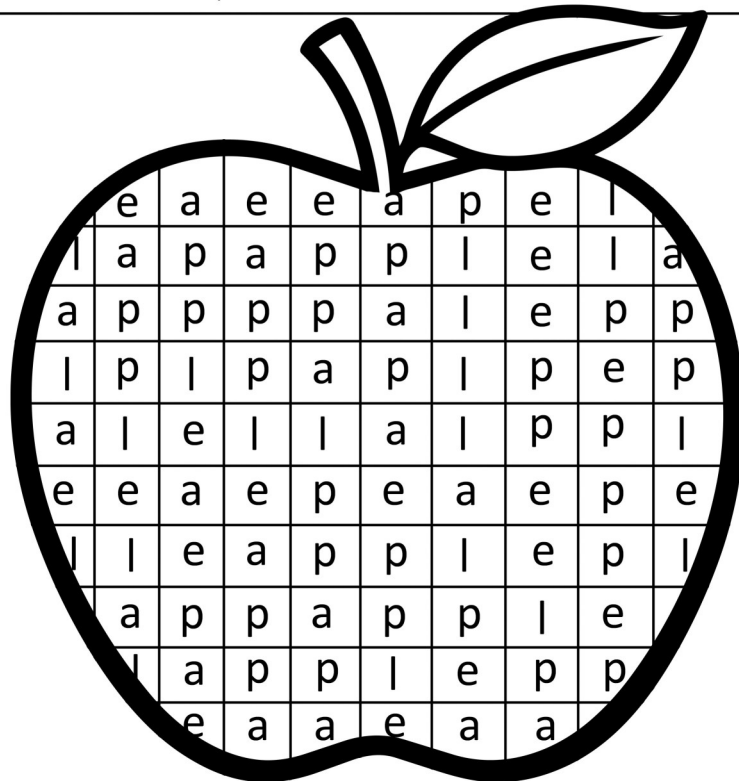
Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6



Apple of Your Eye

“Apple of your eye” means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): “Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.”

Can you find the word “apple” 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



JUST FOR KIDS



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like “dirt.”
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

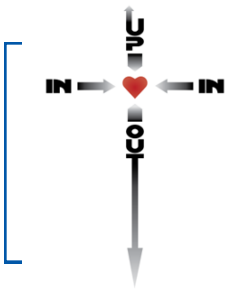
Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: “Do you love me?” The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & Preschool

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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