

# 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."



## God's Bonus Days



An author writing in *Guideposts* magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special.

She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."

— Marion R. Vuilleumier, *Meditations by the Sea*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Pastor's Corner:

This being my first article, I sit here thinking what do I write about. I was thinking about the fact that our country is celebrating 250 years. I look back at the years I have been alive and the many changes that have occurred. Many can look back at the years they have been alive and reflex on what has changed during their lives. Let's see, we now have color tv, with a remote that we can talk into to change the channels. We no longer have just AM radio but AM and FM and Sirius XM just to mention a few. We have cell phones instead of rotary dial house phones. And even writing on this laptop instead of a typewriter and being able to send it of the WIFI. This just mentions a few things that have changed. Our society has changed also, just look at what we have to do to fly anymore. All these changes but there are somethings that never change.

- **Isaiah 40:8** – “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever”
- Psalms 119:89** – “Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens”

### Other things that don't change:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” – **Hebrews 13:8**

“For I, the LORD, do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.” – **Malachi 3:6**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” – **Lamentations 3:22-23**

So, we see, that even if the world around us changes, God never changes, he is faithful in what he has promised us. He was faithful from the very beginning of time to send his only begotten son to save mankind. To save you and me for eternal life with Him. Amen

### Rev. Dr. Richard J Davis Bio.

I have been in ministry now for 46 years. My ministry has been a little different than most LCMS pastors. My first congregation was in Leadville, Colo. From there I was called into the active-duty Air Force Chaplaincy. I lived all over the United States and the world during this time. In 1998 I retired from the Chaplaincy and was called to a church in Kent, Washington. After four years there, I was called by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Board of Education to go to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana to take a position that dealt with the personality and behavior of the seminary students. I did this for 10 academic years and then was downsized. I was four years without a call to a congregation, so in those four years I did vacancy pastorates, I sold tools at Sears, and hospice chaplaincy. I then decided to retire and move back to the Northwest where my wife and I grew up and two of our adult children and their families lived. Since retiring, the Lord has called me into this Transitional Interim Ministry. I have done 8 Transitional Interim Ministries; two in Eastern Washington; Minot, North Dakota; Trinity Lutheran in Oahu, Hawaii; McCall, Idaho, Maui Hawaii, Everett, Washington and Mt. Home, ID. I am married to my best friend, Gail, for 55 years. We have three adult children and 7 grandchildren ranging from ages from 26-year-old to 8 years old. We call Meridian, Idaho as home, or home base. I enjoy my time with family. I try to golf a little, and I have a 1958 Metropolitan Nash as a hobby and I enjoy reading novels by Rosenberg.



Here's what's happening!

July 2026  
Special Days  
Independence  
Day — July 4,  
2026



~ IT IS TIME to update the prayer list on the back of this insert and ALSO Kathy will be printing the Summer 2025 church directory in JULY. PLEASE make sure the information is correct in the current one, OR if you are new and want to be added let her know ASAP. THANKS

We are continuing to help out the Tiedemann family ~ those meals are freezer meals kept in the youth fridge freezer. PLEASE note no mushroom and low cheese.

CHURCH INFORMATION

***Celebrating Birthdays are:***

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 03) Brooks Parker      | 18) Kathy Whalen   |
| 04) Jackie Okamoto     | 18) Alice Hankla   |
| 09) Doug Keith         | 20) Alison Collins |
| 09) Tom Cutler         |                    |
| 10) Allison Abdelmonem |                    |
| 12) Megan Murray       |                    |
| 12) Mike Fietsch       |                    |
| 13) Andy Cutler        |                    |

“Mow Down the Mortgage”  
“WE” did it!!! The Capital Campaign was supposed to wrap up 6/21/2026. We had a total of \$22,689.00. It was asked if we were going to remove the envelopes by several members. We will keep the envelopes and update for a few more weeks in case someone still has envelopes at home or wants to still take one. We are truly blessed with so many generous members!! Board of Directors want to thank each and every person that has contributed! THANK YOU!

***Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries are:***

*Pam and Andy Quisler (27 years)*

# Caring Ministries

## JULY 2026

**Personal Care Kits:** 44 towels were donated as well as nail clippers and toothbrushes. We bought combs and soap. We assembled 26 kits to go to Lutheran World Relief. We will take 18 sets to City Lights in Boise. We collected \$440. Thanks to everyone who donated items and money. It worked out very well.



**SCHOOL KITS:** We will be taking monetary donations for school supplies in July. We will do the same as we did for the personal care kits. The donation box will be at the back of the sanctuary on the table. It will be there until August 2nd.

**Homebound members:** We are in the process of seeing all of our people. Thank you to all that have taken a bag and are taking time to visit with these people

**Quilt Squares:** Please help us sew quilt squares together. There are some located in the basket as you enter the sanctuary. These are for missionary projects. Questions: Contact Rose Ann Gebert.

**Meridian & BSU Food Banks:** For the month of July we are asking each family of Christ Lutheran to donate 6 cans of beef ravioli.

### 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)*

Christ Lutheran Church's LWML is on a hiatus for the Summer. LWML Meetings will resume August 26, 2026 @ 1pm to jumpstart the bazaar planning.

We have another "Ladies Lunch" planned at Chili's for July 15, 2026 @ 1pm.

We will continue requesting recipes for the Church cookbook.

We are running a "Name the Cookbook" contest. Winner will get a \$50 gift card for Texas Roadhouse.

We will have another Craft and Card-making session July 22, 2026 from 10am-1pm.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- The next "Ladies Lunch" at Chili's will be **July 15, 2026 @ 1pm. All ladies are welcome!**
- LWML Women's Camp Perkins Retreat is **July 17-19, 2026.**
- Craft & Card-making day is **July 22, 2026** from 10-1pm. **Everyone is welcome!**
- Next meeting is **August 26, 2026 @ 1pm. All ladies are welcome!**

If you have any questions about LWML and what we do, just ask me.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML

**LWML: The ladies are working on a Church Cookbook for selling at the bazaar and future fund raising. We are asking members of the church to please share some of their favorite family recipes. If you have a fun story behind your recipes, please include these. There is a box for collecting these in the Narthex by the mailboxes or you can send them digitally to the office. If you have and questions, please reach out to Amy W. or Pam.**

# CAMP PERKINS



On behalf of Camp Perkins in Stanley, Idaho, and Christ Lutheran Church we would like to say thank you for your donations, prayers and support!



**LIFELINE SCREENING~ LifeLine is returning for a screening day on Wednesday , July 22nd . Kathy will have forms to preregister if you are interested.**

**Remember Preschool is ALWAYS enrolling throughout the summer. 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!

## One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

- 1) eiVn \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 2) ilLy fo teh elaVly  
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- 3) abLm fo dGo \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_  
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- 4) estMar \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 5) eJuss \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 6) okRc \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_  
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- 9) voaSir \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 10) doLr \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 11) ishCrt \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 12) ehSprhed ( ) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13) hTe doWr \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_
- 14) rncPie fo cePae \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( ) \_ \_  
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What do all these words have in common?

Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son

## Bible Quiz

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.



A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to \_\_\_\_\_."

- A. be protected
- B. work
- C. serve
- D. live

Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

## COOKIE SMILE POPS

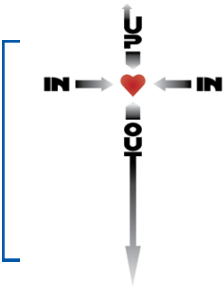
Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

**What you need:**

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon

**What you do:**

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & Preschool

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Mrs. Caroline Hussmann, Preschool Director  
Mr. Jake Greenwalt, Preschool Teacher  
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:

10 am- 1 pm Wednesday and  
Thursday  
Pastor in office Wednesday -Thursday