

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."

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

REFORMATION AND HALLOWEEN?

What is so special about Oct. 31st? Most Americans would immediately respond: "It's Halloween!" This would conjure up visions of pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, costumed children out trick or treating, and masquerade parties of one kind or another.

As Lutheran Christians, hopefully, we would respond to the above question in another way. We would identify this day as the date on which the Lutheran Reformation began. It was on this date that Dr. Martin Luther nailed 95 statements, or theses, for discussion to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany. This act was the beginning of a serious re-evaluation of the current church practices and doctrines.

The term "reformation" simply refers to a "change to a former, normal condition." It was under the direction of Almighty God that Dr. Luther began the great task of separating the Word of God from the teachings of men as practiced in the church of his day.

Today we enjoy the results of the work of the reformers (and there were many). We rejoice that we can stand confidently on the three "solas" that Luther and the reformation emphasize. We know that it is my grace alone (sola gratia) that we have become the children of God. It is by faith alone (sola fide) that the benefits of the plan of salvation come to each of us. It is by Scripture alone (sola Scriptura) that the Holy Spirit makes us aware of the great blessings which God has provided for us.

If not for the man, Dr. Martin Luther and many other reformers, the Church would not have had what we know today as "The Reformation." We need to remember the blessings which God has given to us beginning on Oct. 31st, 1517. The message of the reformation is still important and applicable in our lives and in the 21st century.



Reformation
Festival

Here's what's
happening!



Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 5, 2025*
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, *October 12, 2025*
- Columbus Day, *October 13, 2025*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 13, 2025*
- Canadian Thanksgiving, *October 13, 2025*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 26, 2025*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2025*

CLC Library

Hey, are you wanting to do some verse-by-verse Bible Study and exploration?? Awesome!! Our library has some great resources for you to use. The full New Testament commentary by Dr. R.C.H. Lenski is on the shelf. These are used, but still great stuff. Some are even pre-highlighted for you. A full set of People Bible Commentary is there too. We have select copies of God's Word for Today. These are Bible study help and resources. A beautiful set with great pictures and maps to assist is the Zondervan Illustrated Bible Background Commentary. Check it out. The Lutheran Bible Companion is also there to help as needed. Great resources for you use and edification. Check em out.

Celebrating Birthdays are:

01) Lexi Woodall
06) Andy Quisler
06) Daxton Seibold
12) Mike Knarr
15) Sean Whalen
16) Theodore Bader
16) Judy Cutler
16) Kevin Werhane
22) Kevin Murray

SAVE THE DATE: (S)

~Trunk or Treat

October 26th 1-4 pm we will need trunks hosted, bounce house supervisors, and of course **CANDY!!!**



~LWML

Fall Bazaar ~

Saturday November 1st

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 2025

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. Thanks to Holly for doing the task. 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!**

Meridian Food Bank: Rose Ann Gebert and Nona Norris took 150 pounds of food to Meridian Food Bank. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for your generous donations!

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)

We received the estimate for stained glass repair work. CLC will remove the plexi-glass and allow the company to remove the windows, two at a time, to repair them. We will not have the front window with two clear panels on edges repaired, as it is ok. **Thanks so much to Holly Fietsch who helped get these quotes and is coordinating arrangements for these repairs.**

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

We planned LWML Sunday, October 5, 2025. The ladies participate in this special service. Wear your PURPLE!

Bring your loose change for the special noisy MITE collection.



The Bazaar will be held on 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.



Upcoming Dates:

- LWML Sunday **October 5, 2025. Wear your PURPLE!**
- Next LWML meeting **October 8, 2025 @ 1pm.**
- Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran in Nampa **October 11, 2025.**
- Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) UT-ID Trip, El Paso, TX, **January 10-17, 2026**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pamla Quisler, President, CLC LWML



Christ Lutheran Preschool

A Ministry of Christ Lutheran Church
October News

Back to school for our preschoolers!! It has been a fun first month back in the classroom. Making new friends, and reuniting with friends from last year. Our students have jumped right into learning phonic sounds, name writing and making messy crafts. We have brand new playground equipment too, which has been super fun! We head to the zoo at the end of the month for our first field trip and the kids are really excited. We have been talking a lot about the different animals we will see when we are there! We have also been talking about Jesus, kindness and "The Golden Rule" as we start of the year...an important theme we carry all year long.

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



JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
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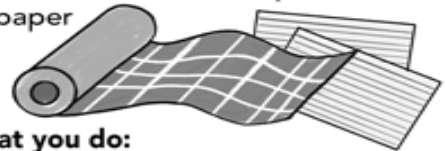
JUST FOR KIDS



Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

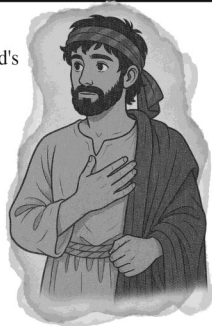
Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV

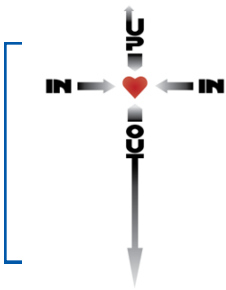
Bible Quiz

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.



Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15).



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