

# Christ Lutheran Church

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## Quarterly Newsletter

Dear Members of Christ,

It is so good to be here serving you and the community of Klamath Falls! It is unbelievable to think that a year has flown by! One of the greatest moments for us was the fact, that for the first time in a long time, we did not have to move! As many of you know, we would like to buy a house here in Klamath, but the fact that this is the place we get to call home is truly special. As we are a long way from our family and friends, getting to know you as our members and the people we serve is truly special and we can't thank you enough for being so welcoming.

When it comes to our family, of course we didn't forget about them either when we headed out for synod convention and some vacation time. I was able to participate in my first convention and there was a special moment. The same year that I was brought into the Synod, the Pastor who began my journey into the ministry celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year in the public ministry. It was something I will never forget.

After our road trip, we were eager to get back to the Pacific Northwest. We have been able to get out and do some more exploring since we moved here and of course you have helped guide us in our adventures giving us places to go. I also used the quieter months to get some projects done to help serve you guys in the future. You might be wondering, "How do we handle our busy schedules and keep ourselves sane? What if everything isn't going well at life has just been a struggle?" Whether we are having ups and downs, we can press on because of the hope that we have. We have hope in God's plan of salvation He won for us. Isaiah prophesied about this hope.

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:8-10).

Our sins set us apart from God, away from His presence. And even as we have strayed, God does not sit idly by watching us. He continues to call out to us. He points us to His Word where He tells us He has chosen us. He could have let us be alone in our sins condemned to Hell, but He is not a God of only punishment. He is a God of justice and mercy. He tells Israel how He had chosen them. He took care of their lineage. They did not need to fear what problems might come their way; He was always with them. And they did have many problems come their way. Many of the problems, they failed at solving. Yet, God in His mercy never left them. He told them to fear not. This is the same message He gives to you. He tells you not to fear what will come your

way. He has chosen you since before the foundation of the world was laid to be His own. And lastly and most importantly, He lifts you up with His righteous right hand. The righteous right hand where your Savior sits. The right hand who came down from heaven, died on the cross, and now sits to rule over you. May you fear not and find comfort in the hope you have!

As we come out of the summer and begin the new church year, here is some important information and dates for your calendars.

Taylor and I have new cell numbers, they are as follows:

Pastor Anderson: 715-933-8478

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Bible Study began on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are studying the parables of Jesus. Some parables we know very well, some we hear at church in the sermon, some we hear very little about, and some are very hard to understand. After we cover this topic, we will be watching a documentary titled: *The Ark of Darkness*. Christianity 101 also began in September but because I have been out of town, we have only had one class. We will continue to meet on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8PM If you know anyone who is looking for a church home or a Pastor, have them call the office and invite them to our class.

We have a group of three who is meeting for Wednesday School (Sunday School) at church. If you know of any children looking to hear God's Word, we would love to have you join us.

At 12 PM on October 26<sup>th</sup>, Christ Lutheran will be hosting the first area reformation service since before Covid. Invites have been sent to all the churches in circuit 12 as well as our brothers and sisters in the WELS. There will be a luncheon to follow, and we would love to see you all here for it. Also feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Pastor Emmons will be preaching, Pastor Lilienthal will be the lector, and Pastor Burmeister will be playing the organ.

Lastly, I have begun every member visits, having conducted two so far. The theme for the visits this year is funeral planning. Like last year, I will call and set up meeting times that fit your schedule. You can also reach out to me, and we can also have the meeting at church. This is a great opportunity for me to get to know you better and if there are any concerns you have with the workings of the church to voice them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,



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