

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Yakima, WA 98908



The Book of Faith

In 2007 the ELCA Churchwide assembly voted to embrace an initiative called Book of Faith. The bold vision for this initiative is:

That the whole church become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened empowered and sent by the Word.

-- God's Powerful Book --

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:31

The Bible is astonishingly powerful. The Bible changes this sin-filled world. Through the Bible, God engages us with demands that judge us. Through the Bible, God draws us to trust, to faith in the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the Bible, the Spirit of God calls, gathers, enlightens and makes holy the entire people of God.

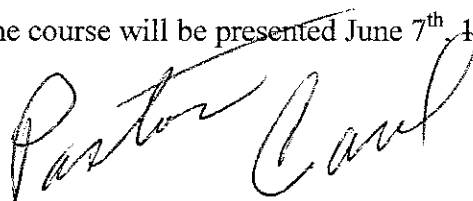
Statistical, external evidence reveals the powerful influence of the Bible even in our modern world. It is a perennial best seller. All forms of communications media are used to share biblical texts. Every Christian church building has Bibles in abundance. Even in the face of poverty, a Christian home has a Bible. The Bible's impact on culture, literature, and law is broad and deep.

Far more importantly, the practices of Christians demonstrate that the Bible is powerful. Because we are so accustomed to the Bible being read in worship and used as the basis for the sermons, we may fail to consider how amazing it is that this ancient book still gets such attention. Individuals read and study the book because they know it engages them, for good. By policy and in practice, congregations, church bodies, and affiliated institutions turn to the Scriptures for direction. Polls show that Americans in general and Lutherans in particular claim to read the Bible regularly.

This is the introduction to the Book of Faith initiative written by Professor Diane Jacobson, Director of the God of Faith initiative of the ELCA.

There are several ways to introduce this program and here at Christ Lutheran we will begin with *Rediscovering the Book of Faith* course. This three-session study explores how the Bible came to be our Book of Faith by providing an introduction of the creation, collection, and canonization of Scripture. Participants will discover where the Bible came from, will better understand how it was put together, and will examine the contribution the Reformation made toward scriptural literacy. The course will use video clips and encourages participants to engage in reflection and discussion.

The course will be presented June 7th, 14th, and 21st at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!





DISCOVERY CANYON VBS
REGISTRATION FORM
SUN., JUNE 21ST TO THURS., JUNE 25TH
5:00 TO 8:30 p.m.



Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's Age: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Home Congregation (if any): _____

In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) that the VBS Staff should be aware of:

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day: (if different than above Parent/Guardian):

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please fax or mail this form to:

Christ Lutheran Church, 5606 W. Lincoln Ave., Yakima, WA 98908

Fax No.: (509) 966-8734

Or drop it by the church office – thank you!

*Any additional questions, please call the church at (509) 966-1720
or Lori Murphy at (509) 895-9037.*

2009 SYNOD ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Gratitude, Gratitude... Indeed! Thank you all for a wonderful assembly!

It is with a grateful heart that I share a brief summary of the 2009 Eastern-Washington Idaho Synod Assembly. Grateful for the many hands who planned, prepared and served us so well in Yakima. Grateful for the beautiful weather and lovely convention center that set a backdrop for our work together. Grateful for the honest and patient hearts as we shared conversation about our various business items and resolutions. Grateful for the faithful volunteers whom we thanked for their service to this church. Grateful for those among us who are willing to take the leadership reins. Grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit who centered, inspired and enlightened us. Gratitude, Gratitude – God's Abundance indeed overflows!

The wonderful theme, "God's Abundance Overflows," set the stage for our time together. It is out of knowing what God has first done for us – loved and forgiven us – that we live together as the part of the body of Christ known as the EWAID Synod. Each year in assembly we gather for worship, reports, workshops and the business items. Here is a brief (and not fully inclusive) summary of events and actions:

1. We centered ourselves in God's Word and Holy Communion.
2. We approved the synod budget – and we are looking good – thank you for your generous support of YOUR ministry.
3. We learned new tools for sharing conversation – the RESPECT guidelines and Mutual Invitation.
4. We enjoyed the gift of the Lutheran Book Parlor.
5. We were informed and inspired by our guest presenters: Diana Butler Bass, a teacher, author and church historian and Marcus Kunz, our churchwide partner who serves in the office of the presiding bishop.
6. We passed Resolution 1 – Urging the ELCA to encourage and support negotiations and investigating financial support in the West Bank and Gaza.
7. We passed Resolution 2 - Amending the "plan of operation" of the EWAID Synod SHARE fund – which will allow us to be better stewards of this fund through diversification of investments.
8. We did not pass Resolution 9 – Which would asked that the Churchwide Assembly to utilize a 2/3 majority when voting this summer on current policy and practice for rostering.
9. We passed Resolution 10 – Inviting the EWAID Synod attendees to act on their baptismal calling to advocate justice and peace by writing a letter to one of their government officials.
10. We passed Resolution 11 (replacement for Resolutions 3-8) – encouraging the Churchwide assembly to adopt the proposed Social Statement on human Sexuality and the implementing resolutions and adopting the four parts of the proposed Recommendation on Ministry Policies as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.
11. We passed Resolution 13 – Which encourages the continued support of our sister synod in Tanzania, by continuing to raise funds for a new dining hall at the Tumaini Lutheran Seminary; and for the synod to formally invite the new Ulanga Kilombero Diocese bishop and his wife to our next synod assembly!
12. We elected new synod council members and committee members – thank you!
13. We thanked and blessed "retiring" synod council members – thank you for your service!
14. We had a slate of interesting workshops.
15. We were able to honor congregations and rostered leaders for significant milestones in their ministries.
16. During our closing worship we gathered as God's people – not always agreeing, but trusting in God's mercy and redemptive love for us. It was a delight to install Shelley Bryan Wee as the new pastor at Lutheran Campus Ministry at Eastern Washington University. (Go Eagles!)

Gratitude, Gratitude. May the light of Christ continue to shine through you as you boldly proclaim God's love – and serve as God's hands in your ministry outpost.

Susan Berg

Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod VP

Worship Schedule – June & July 2009

June 7 – E L W – Worship Team

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Laura Gillespie

Acolyte –

Lector – Open

Greeters – Brandon Gillespie, Darrien Huck

Ushers – Darold & Laura Larson

June 14 – E L W

Worship/

Communion Assistant - Open

Acolyte –

Lector – Open

Greeter – Bettie Roberts

Ushers – Brad & Sheri Bissell

June 21 – E L W – Worship Team

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Al Bryson

Acolyte –

Lector – Kathy Sebree

Greeters – Open

Ushers – JD Sundseth

June 28 – Now the Feast

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Kathy Sebree

Acolyte –

Lector – Zach Bissell

Greeter – Billie Hilton

Ushers – Al Rose, Rita Fisher

Second Annual Tour d'Greenway

It's almost here! Tune up your odometers or pedometers! Oil up your bikes and polish your walking shoes! Get ready for fun, fellowship, exercise and ice cream. The second Annual Tour d'Greenway is scheduled for June 14, 2009. Join us at Sarge Hubbard Park along the Yakima Greenway at 2:00pm and be prepared to bike or walk followed by an ice cream treat at 3:30. Last year's walkers headed to the Arboretum and the bikers headed the same direction but went all the way to Union Gap. This year's routes and distances are yet to be decided. Ya'll come.

There are several openings for the month of July, please consider helping. We want our summer worship experience to be just as complete as the rest of the year.

July 5 – E L W – Worship Team

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Open

Acolyte –

Lector – Open

Greeters – Open

Ushers – JD Sundseth

July 12 – E L W

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Open

Acolyte –

Lector – Open

Greeter – Billie Hilton

Ushers – Open

July 19 – E L W – Worship Team

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Open

Acolyte –

Lector – Bonnie Eichler

Greeters – Open

Ushers – Open

July 26 – Now the Feast

Worship/

Communion Assistant – Open

Acolyte –

Lector – Open

Greeters – Open

Ushers – Open

Another opportunity for fun, fellowship and FOOD!!

The church picnic will be on July 19th at
Applewood Park in Naches.

Directions to the park will be available

Watch for more info in your bulletins!!

CELEBRATING
BIRTHDAYS
IN
JUNE/JULY

June

- 1 Spike Adams
- 2 Matthew Hyink
- 3 Jean Raabe
- 4 Jason Sundseth
Linda Scott
- 9 Sharon Dressel
- 10 Gerald Kock
Jonathan McClannathan
- 14 Donna Buse
Kyle Bosch
- 17 Wes Wilson
Taylor Bauguess
- 24 Georgia Van Corbach
- 28 Dylan Bissell
- 29 Grace Whitmer

July

- 2 Debbie Partch
- 10 Jeff Nelson
- 11 Bonnie Eichler
- 12 Al Karn
- 13 Nick Lawrence
- 16 Craig Dwight
- 20 Lonnie Turner
Brad Bissell
- 21 Nalda Bryson
Tyler Peck
- 27 Inez Bergman

*Wedding
Anniversaries*

- June 10 Davis & Maxine Trevino
- 17 Cal & Myke Bosch
- 18 Skip & Suzanne Lawrence
- 19 Andy & Cheryl Sauer
- 21 Jon & Patti Hyink
- 25 Lonnie & Jennifer Turner
- July 15 Jim & Shirley Pechtelt
- 19 Paul & Grace Rath

Counters

June

Al Bryson, Open

July

Ilene Bushnell, Open



Altar Guild

June

Open

July

Inez Bergman, Rochelle Malanca

Chancel Flowers

June

- 7 Mark & Angie Karn
- 14 Wanda DeVon
- 21 Norm & Jan Frank
- 28 Brad & Sheri Bissell

July

- 5 Open*
- 12 Al & Fran Karn
- 19 Open*
- 26 Open*

***Would someone be willing to share some of their beautiful flowers from their garden?**

Lectionary Readings

June

- 7 Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
- 14 Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92;
2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
- 21 Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

- 28 Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30;
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July

- 5 Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- 12 Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- 19 Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 5:30-34, 53-56
- 26 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145;
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:51-58

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office 966-1720, we would be happy to add you to our list.

Calendar of Events for June & July

8:30 Bible Study & 9:30 Worship every Sunday

Bible Studies & Book Study

“The Shack” Book Study Monday’s at 6:45pm

Women’s AM Bible Study Tuesday’s at 10am

Women’s Evening Bible Study 2nd Tuesday at 7pm

Meetings**

Executive Board Meetings. June 3 & July 1 at noon

Council Meetings. June 11 & July 9 at 7pm

Christian Growth. June 25 & July 30 at 7pm

Support Committee. June 2 & July 7 at 7pm

Fellowship Committee. July 16 at 3pm

Worship & Music. July 16 at 7pm

Worship Team Practice. . . . June 6 at 9:30am

Quilters. Every Wednesday at 12:30pm

Church Tenders. . . . 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Election & Reports Meeting. . . . June 7 after church

Honoring Buzz & Darlene Smith. . . June 7 at worship

Tour D Greenway. June 14 at 2pm

VBS-- SUNDAY June 21 through June 25 5:00--8:30pm

Church Picnic. . . July 19 after church

Mark your calendar. . . Aug 1 Bears Baseball at 7:05pm

**If your committee isn’t listed and you are wondering if you are meeting, please call the committee chairman.