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The Psalmist has written:

“Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker, let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.”
(Psalm 149:1-3, NIV Version).

Recently, someone outside the church, who had heard of my new call at Christ Lutheran Church, asked me if I was the “interim” pastor or the “real” pastor. I thought to myself, “WOW, this is a trick question.” If I answer “interim” that means I’m not “real.” So, I simply answered, “I’m both.” In these months to come, I perceive us as God’s people coming together, guided by spirit, praising God together as in a dance. I as your pastor, and you as the congregation will find myriad ways to create worship, pray, study the Bible, and play in a wonderful choreography that respects and honors a collaborative relationship between pastor and congregation. Even in a short period of chronological time, we will risk loving each other by getting to know each other and by caring deeply about and for each other. And, then there will be a pause and you will be ready to move on to the next step of the life of this church. And, I as a faithful servant of God will also move on to the next step of my life as a pastor. Hopefully, when that time comes there will be tears of joy and sorrow and as usual there will be some good food.

And for now, lets take it day to day. I look forward to knowing all your names, entering into Advent and Christmas time, learning about your lives, and sharing my life with you. This month let us claim the words of the Psalm and praise God’s name with dancing and make music with tambourine and harp. This is the time of the harvest. As we officially celebrate Thanksgiving let us also be thankful each day for the abundance of food our valley provides and to strive for justice so that ALL may share in that abundance.

Pastor Jillian

Christ Lutheran Church

God's Harvest of Plenty Stewardship 2010

STEWARDSHIP. For too many of us, the word "Stewardship" is associated with "money". One can hear the big sigh on getting this packet and hearing the phrase, "how much money do they want now". Now, the first question is, "who are 'they'?" They is God. You may hear many of us (they) speak, but it is God through the holy spirit that talks to us all.

Stewardship is not just money. To be sure, stewardship contains a component of money, but it is simply returning to God that which does not belong to us. Stewardship involves so much more, and it truly does. Stewardship deals with those things that God has entrusted to us here on this earth. It includes the relationships we develop and nurture, how we spend our time in response to the blessings that God has given us and how we spend our resources.

In this year's stewardship journey, we will hear from the various committees here at Christ Lutheran.... to listen to how they act out their stewardship mission. We are the church. The message that we hear will be from us. How do you fit into that message? In this packet are time and talent sheets so that you can indicate your willingness to share the gifts and passions that you have. Also included is a pledge card. O.K., that's the money thing that you knew was coming. What do you pledge to return to the Lord this year in body, soul and resources? Prayerfully consider this question before filling out these documents.

Our stewardship program will culminate on November 22nd when we provide these materials at the worship service to the Lord. If you can't be here that Sunday, you can submit your material either before or after November 22nd. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration of these matters. Share your gifts so that we can all be a blessing in this world.

The Stewardship Committee

Jay Carroll

Al Bryson

Andy Sauer

Nalda Bryson

November Worship Schedule

November 1, 2009 Worship Team

Worship Assistant: Jay Carroll
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Inez Bergman
Greeters: Bonnie Eichler, Bettie Roberts
Usher: Jim Sund

November 8, 2009 ELW

Worship Assistant: Open
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Jay Carroll
Greeter: JD Sundseth,
Rochelle Malanca
Ushers: Cal Bosch, JD Sundseth

November 15, 2009 Worship Team

Worship Assistant: Open
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Lori Murphy
Greeters: Norm & Jan Frank,
Walt & Ginger Mick
Ushers: Brad & Sheri Bissell

November 22, 2009 ELW

Worship Assistant: Jay Carroll
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Rochelle Malanca
Greeters: Bettie Roberts, Jim Sund
Usher: JD Sundseth

November 29, 2009 ELW

Worship Assistant: Open
Acolyte: Open
Lector: Sally Hansen
Greeters: Darold & Laura Larson
Usher: Jim Sund

Altar Guild

The Carroll Family

Counters

Darold Larson
Bettie Roberts

Sunday School Teachers

November 1st & 8th---Elisabeth Dunbar

November 15, Ilene Bushnell

November 22, Katie Carroll

Sunday Fellowship: Refreshments Team

November 1st— Avis Hatheway, Bonnie Eichler

November 8th—Fran Karn

November 15 through November 29th—Open

Chancel Flowers

1	Open
8	Open
15	Open
22	Bob & Ethel Rasmussen
29	The Julius family

There are several openings on the flower chart. Please consider signing up for November, and December.

Lectionary Texts

November

1	Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44
8	1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
15	Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16: Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
22	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
29	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



NOVEMBER 2009

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 All Saints Sunday 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Learning & Youth meeting WT	2	3 7pm Support 7pm Scouts	4 9am Text Study noon Executive Board 1:30pm Quilters	5	6	7 9:30am Worship Team Practice
8 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School ELW	9	10 7pm Scouts	11 9am Text Study 1:30pm Quilters	12 7pm Council	13	14 9:30am Hymn Selection
15 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School WT	16	17 10am Women's Bible Study Noon Social Ministry @ 5 th Ave Deli 7pm Scouts	18 9am Text Study 1:30pm Quilters	19 3pm Fellowship Committee 7pm Worship & Music Committee	20 7pm Unload groceries for Thanksgiving Baskets	21 9am Assemble & Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets 6 pm Pinochle at Mick's
22 Commitment Sunday 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School after service--Decorate church for Advent ELW	23	24 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Scouts	25 9am Text Study 1:30pm Quilters	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed Newsletter Articles due for December	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30am Adult Bible Study 9:30am Worship/Comm 9:40am Children's Sunday School ELW	30	December 1 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Scouts	December 2 9am Text Study 1:30pm Quilters 7:00pm Advent Service	December 3 9:30am Office Helpers December nl		

THANKSGIVING BOXES

Here it is November again and the final push is on for the Thanksgiving Boxes. This year Christ Lutheran will put together and deliver 40 boxes to needy families in the Yakima area.

We will ask for 39 families through the YMCA Trail Seekers program. We have worked with Greg Nebbekar and this program for many years. Greg knows these families very well and knows their needs. He is also comfortable with our congregation and is grateful for our assistance.

Each box contains a variety of food that will give each family more than just one meal. The boxes include **rice, vegetables, fruit, oatmeal, tuna fish, jell-o, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, juice, soup, olives, pickles, fruit snacks, raisins, pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, flour, bread and a turkey.** We have added other items, such as cereals and dried milk, in the past years depending on the money available. Last year we spent \$52.81 per box.

The shopping cart will remain in the narthex until we assemble the boxes so that any donations you wish to make can be placed in it. We will also purchase food items from Fred Meyer who gives us the sale price on the items regardless of the amount. The biggest expense is the turkeys.

Please join us on Friday, November 20th at 7pm to unload and sort the groceries. We will assemble and deliver the boxes on Saturday, November 21st beginning at 9am. If you have never helped deliver boxes before, please consider it this year. It is a heartwarming experience to see the gratitude on the faces of the people who receive this gift. Contact Ilene, Kathy or Pastor Jillian if you would like to help with this project. This is a hands-on project that takes many hands to complete and your response over the years has been greatly appreciated.