



Here is your Thursday Note for November 9, 2023

**The bulletin for Sunday, November 12**

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**November 2023 Servant Song Newsletter**

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**Readings for Sunday, November 12**

**Amos 5:18-24**

*Let justice roll down like waters*

**Psalm 70**

*You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)*

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*The promise of the resurrection*

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*

**CTS EVENTS**

**CTS Office note:**

The CTS office will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day. Thank you to all who have served our country. The office will also be closed November 21-25 for Thanksgiving.

**Upcoming CTS Staff Holidays/Vacations:**

Pastor Jana Schofield: 11/22 - 11/26

Nicole Pridachuk: 11/22 - 11/25

Kay Hageman: 11/15 - 11/26

**Blood Pressures this Sunday November 12**

Come to the library after the service to have your blood pressure taken.

**Thank you for submitting your pledge cards for 2024.**

Thanks to those who have returned 2024 pledge cards. If you need more time, please send your pledge directly to the church office. Thank you for letting God's love flow through you in gratitude and service!

Stewardship 2024 Pledge card link:

[http://www.ctslutheran.org/uploads/9/5/0/0/95003086/cts\\_pledge\\_form\\_simply\\_giving\\_enrollment\\_form.pdf](http://www.ctslutheran.org/uploads/9/5/0/0/95003086/cts_pledge_form_simply_giving_enrollment_form.pdf)

### **A new way to give!**

As you respond to God's gifts of grace and abundance in your life, consider giving your offering online using this QR code. You'll be directed to our Vanco giving site where you can use a credit/debit card or bank account to give toward our general fund or other ministries.



### **Monthly Text Study Thursday November 16 with Pastor Jana**

Third Thursdays of each month from 10:00am-11:30am in the CTS Conference Room

Take a deeper look at upcoming Sunday lectionary scripture texts with Pastor Jana as we use mutual invitation to explore what God is doing and saying to us--both personally and to our congregation/community. All are welcome.

### **Hosts needed for Sunday Fellowship Hour**

Are you enjoying the goodies, coffee, and conversation offered during the after worship Sunday Fellowship Hour? Please consider signing up to host and/or clean up a couple of Sundays so this Fellowship Ministry might flourish. Just click on this SignUpGenius link and find the slot waiting for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0949A9A828A02-44896507-hosting>

Contact Sally Holloway with any questions 360-510-7092.

### **Christmas Special Offering.**

Each Christmas and Easter Christ the Servant has a special offering. This offering is generally divided equally between an "in-reach" recipient (a ministry or activity within the congregation) and an "out-reach" recipient (a ministry, organization or activity in the larger community, region, or world).

If you have a ministry or organization you would like to nominate as a recipient for the 2023 Christmas Special Offering, please send an email to Linda Petrasek no later than November 26. For out-reach nominees, please send a short note with the reason for your nomination and the contact information for the organization.

Linda's email address is [plpetrasek@comcast.net](mailto:plpetrasek@comcast.net).

Thank you!

The Stewardship Committee

### **Children and Youth Ministries**

#### **Save the Dates for Winter Fun!**

- **December 3: All-generations Advent Workshop during Coffee Hour**
- **December 10: Children's Christmas Pageant**
- **December 17 @ 4:30-6:30pm: Youth Christmas Party and Service Project!** Students in grades 4-6 (Bridge) and grades 7-12. We'll break into groups according to age for Christmas games, cookie-decorating, and then a large group service project: No-Sew fleece hats for our neighbors at Gardenview Tiny Homes Village.
- **Friday February 9-Saturday February 10: Interfaith Immersion.** This Whatcom ELCA Cluster event will involve visits with houses of non-Christian faith traditions, social time and meals, and a fun overnight experience. For students ages 12 and up. More information to come soon!

### **Upcoming Sunday Adult Forums**

*Sundays at 11:00am, Adult Forum Room at far north of building*

#### **November 12: Faith and Art**

This Sunday, we are privileged to have three spectacular artists from our congregation (Paul, Sidney and Bryce), present, show and discuss their art of a spiritual, nature inspired and inspired skill and gift.

Also, we are all invited to bring art which inspires us and others to share with our fellow art appreciators.

### **November 19: Why are Christian Palestinians Leaving Jesus' Birthplace?**

Rod Schofield will present a program on the current status of Palestinian Christians and the role of the ELCA in working toward peace in the Holy Land. The ELCA strategy for Peace in Israel and Palestine will be discussed along with the impact of Christian Zionism on peacemaking. Rod serves as the ELCA representative to our Lutheran Educational Institutions in Palestine.

### **November 26: Thanksgiving Weekend (no Adult Forum)**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for God's love endures forever.

**What future Adult Education Forums would you enjoy?** We need your help to schedule the 2024–2025 Adult Education Forums! Let us know what sort of topics you would enjoy by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/QxN9uAy27F8vrmkw9>.

### **Adult Education: Monthly Psalms Bible Study this Sunday**

The Psalms are the Bible in miniature. They are the ancient praises of Israel and the hymnody of the church throughout the centuries. And they are words and songs for us. They interpret us—in our joy and confusion, anger, and sadness. They give us words when we have none, and—like all of God's word—they bring us God. "This is my comfort in my trouble, for your word has given me life" (Psalm 119:50).

Once a month this Fall we will meet to read, discuss, and pray the psalm of the day. Todd Hains will lead the discussion in the Chapel at the north end of the building. Bring your favorite Psalter and join us!

11/12: Psalm 78:1–8

12/10: Psalm 85

### **Memory Loss Support Groups**

WHO: 1) Anyone experiencing Memory Loss symptoms

2) Anyone Caring For/ Living with someone experiencing Memory Loss symptoms

WHEN: First Sunday of the month, starting November 5 at 11am for one hour .... through May, 2024

WHERE: CTS Lutheran Church Library FACILITATORS: Jennifer Johnson, Lynn McKinster, John Rietz

### **Friday Men's Fellowship**

Friday Men's Fellowship group will meet at 9:00am in the church Narthex. Contact Tim Surratt (gtimsurratt@gmail.com) to receive the venue change notices as they occur.

## **SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

### **Central Lutheran Church Closure**

Please keep the congregation of Central Lutheran, Bellingham in your prayers as they prepare to end their ministry and celebrate their final worship service. All are welcome to the Service of Holy Closure on Sunday, November 26 at 3:00pm (925 N. Forest St.)

### **Deep Waters**

After almost a decade of meeting on Wednesday evenings, Deep Waters will be moving our regular meeting to the second Monday evening of the month at 7pm. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at Rachel Budelsky and Dave Olson's house at 505 Ridgeway Drive. Our next gathering is **Monday Nov 13th**. We know this doesn't work for everyone but hope it will work for most. Please consider joining us if you are available! Send your questions to Rachel at [budelsky@comcast.net](mailto:budelsky@comcast.net) or 360-966-6393.

And please remember Deep Waters as you consider your pledge for the upcoming year. Individual committees will no longer be listed on the pledge sheet, but you can write them in! As with all the committees, your generosity is deeply appreciated by those we serve.

### **Lutherwood Camp**

Lutherwood is offering a Thanksgiving meal for Young Adult / Partners in ministry on November 23. Event Address: 1185 Roy Road, Bellingham WA 98229  
Contact us at (360) 820-6191 or [marty.martinez@camplutherwood.org](mailto:marty.martinez@camplutherwood.org)

The event is from 12-3pm with the meal around 1pm. Lutherwood will be providing the turkey/protein and a couple of sides/desserts. If possible, please bring a side or dessert to share. Please register online at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPPiD7xdqp9SBSuLnz4wFiSsX8\\_sgeoq7RDfc3jXWFs4EIQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPPiD7xdqp9SBSuLnz4wFiSsX8_sgeoq7RDfc3jXWFs4EIQ/viewform)

### **Family Promise**

Thank you! Three families received meal kits and cards of encouragement this week from CTS and Bellingham Friends volunteers. As they transition from housing insecurity to renting their own homes, the support of Interfaith staff and volunteers give them the stability that they currently need. Thank you all for your generous spirits!

### **Thanksgiving Boxes for Interfaith Housing Families**

We will be filling Thanksgiving boxes for 5 families in Interfaith Housing.- including the family of ten in Jeff's Hope House! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. The food should be delivered into the boxes by November 19th.

### **Drive for Joy**

The Lighthouse Mission is collecting NEW item donations in a "Drive for Joy" for its residents and visitors. Donations may be deposited in the box in the Narthex by November 30, or before 1pm on December 2 at the collection point near Woods Coffee at Barkley Village. A list of suggested items is posted on the box, including many winter clothing items.

### **Lighthouse Mission Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers needed**

If you are hungry or needing community on Thanksgiving Day, please join us at the Church of the Assumption Gym (2116 Cornwall Ave) at 12 noon on November 23, 2023!

We also need volunteers for our 100th Thanksgiving dinner this year! Lighthouse Mission's holiday dinner is a wonderful way to show love and care to our entire community. Please see their website to volunteer.

<https://www.thelighthousemission.org/events/thanksgiving-dinner-2023/>

### **BELLINGHAM FOOD BANK: Food Justice is Social Justice**

As the harvest season begins, the Bellingham Food Bank continues to work hard to gather and distribute food to those who are hungry here in Whatcom County. As they say on their website, "Hunger is Unacceptable."

It's Gleaning Season!" BFB is always looking for more people to volunteer for the Gleaners Program. They would encourage anyone who is interested to sign up on their webpage - <https://www.bellinghamfoodbank.org/glean> (scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see the sign-up sheet). Once you sign up, you are put on their email list and will get an email anytime a glean is posted on their website, on this page - <https://www.bellinghamfoodbank.org/gleaning-opportunities>.

**Please join Road2Home for the screening of "The case of Conrad Cooper"** on November 16th, starting at 6:30 at the New Prospect Theater. You can purchase tickets for this short film here: <https://newprospecttheatre.thundertix.com/events/219572> and also learn, share, and reflect on the issue of housing instability and homelessness in our community both before and after the film. This is a benefit fundraiser with proceeds going to support Road2Home's work to house individuals seeking shelter in Whatcom County. Hope to see you there.

### **ELCA Truth & Healing Movement (elca.org/indigenous)**

The ELCA's [Truth & Healing Movement](https://elca.org/indigenous) is an opportunity for this church to increase our understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us.

### **Middle East Peace**

We continue to pray for the people in Gaza and Israel and grieve the atrocities taking place in that region. See [this resource page](#) for ways to be informed and support those who are suffering.

### **Please remember as you pray**

For our **youth** and **Nicole** at the NW Washington Synod Youth Retreat at Camp Lutherwood November 10-12.  
**Matt and Sydnee Henson** as he enters hospice care.

**Cindy Henninger** as she awaits treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

For healing and vision protection for **Claudia Ackerman's** son **John** as he recovers from shingles.

In thanksgiving for the birth of **Brooks Everett Hall**, son of Carlie and David, and grandson of **Michele and Rick Gordon**.

**Cindy Klein** for relief from pain and side effects from medication.

Prayers for **Krystal House** for health and strength.

The loved ones of **Tana DaSilva** upon her death.

**Penny Gates** as she mourns the death of her father, **Chuck**.

**Carolyn Troutman**, for healing, peace, and comfort during chemo.

**Ron Ward** facing medical treatments and recovery; and for his wife, **Troy-Faith Ward**.

**Shalom Shreve**, friend of David Westerlund, who has Stage 4 colon cancer that has spread to her lungs. For her family, Chris, Scarlet, and Enoch.

**Mary Ann Merrill's mother, Marilyn**, as she deals with age-related struggles.

**Bobbi Bristol-Treat**, for continued healing.

**Nathaniel** and the **One Parish One Prisoner team**.

**Baker Ennen**, as she struggles with Crohn's Disease, for her family and care team.

**John Rietz's daughter and her partner** during her partner's MS treatments.

**Philip Christey**, for heart health.

**Amy Raduege** enduring intense nerve pain, hoping for effective medical treatment.

**Carol Ebergson** on comfort care.

Our friends in **La Mica, Honduras**, and their water project.

Our neighbors at **Gardenview Village**.

And our members residing at local Senior Living or care centers: **Shirley Abt, Barbara Anderson, Joan Biasini, Ruthann Jensen, Jennifer Johnson, Carol Ham, and Anita Stoffer**.

**Serving Sunday November 12**

<b>Presider</b>	Pastor Jana Schofield
<b>Readers</b>	Trudy Toepke Jennifer Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Renewing Worship Team
<b>Pianist</b>	Rick Lysen
<b>Reminder Calls</b>	Sam Grubbs
<b>Communion Care</b>	Ilene Green
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Holly Whittle Sam Grubbs
<b>Sound Livestream</b>	Bruce Henninger Doug Sutton
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick & Michele Gordon
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Cindy Klein
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Erica Kairis Childcare Staff
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brentley & Bryce Sebens Ella Loween
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Bruce & Dar Bock