

# CELEBRATIONS

*Celebration Lutheran Church  
May 2024*

## Sunday Schedule

**9:00AM**  
**Sunday School  
& Adult Forum**

**10:00AM**  
**Worship &  
Livestream  
Worship**

**11:00AM**  
**Fellowship**

**11:15am**  
**Youth Group**

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## CALENDAR



**May 18**  
**9am-4pm**  
Synod Regional  
Gathering

**May 19**  
**Book Giveaway**  
**10am**  
Confirmation Sunday  
& Pentecost

**2pm**  
Fellowship Fun!

**May 23**  
**6pm**  
Service of Lament  
for Gaza

Hello, Celebration Lutheran and friends!

Springtime has certainly come to our valley. The flowers, wind, and all the yardwork are telltale signs that summer is quickly approaching. I hope you are looking forward to the summer in anticipation of the promises of the season. What do you love about summer? Maybe warm nights for long dinners outside? The joys of upcoming weddings? Or perhaps just the simple pleasure of not needing a coat/hat/gloves/boots/scarf just to go to the grocery store? There is a lot to appreciate about summer!

When I was a kid, I craved summer for the freedom from school. Since then, I have had a somewhat irrational belief that summer should be a time of reprieve from responsibilities. Sadly, as adults this is not how summer really goes. All the same, doesn't it seem like we should all get a break from the weight of our daily lives in summer? Summer should bring a break from illness, war, too much work, financial strain, difficult family situations ... all of it! In the summer, shouldn't we be able to just focus on ice cream and swimming pools?

What do we do with a world that refuses to provide summer reprieve from the difficulties of life? We do what people of faith always do. We pray, go to church, check in on each other, take the kids to vacation Bible school, and continue with whatever spiritual practices we have embraced.

But in summer, we can add to our lists enjoying the outdoors with extra intention. When it's warm, it's easier to enjoy the natural beauty of where we live, marvel at the flowers, lay on the grass ... even if it's just for a minute. We can prioritize getting outside in the beauty of our God's Creation for a hike, bike ride, or just sitting outside, even if it's squeezed into the day.

I was recently told by a fellow pastor that the number one thing to do to manage the difficulties of the role is to be physically active. I have no doubt that this is true. But it's not just true for pastors! All of us do better physically, emotionally, and spiritually when we move, get outside, and notice the beauty that surrounds us.

I am blown away by the number of parks, trails, and places of beauty that are all very close at hand in Wenatchee. My plan for this summer is to weave the outdoors into my schedule as I can. That may look like taking meetings at the river instead of in the office, getting up early to ride my bike before the day begins, or doing my daily prayers in one of our beautiful parks.

Our God is an incarnational God, meaning God is with us here in our lives, in this world, in our bodies, and in all of life. In the Gospel of John, we hear this good news.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, <sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:1-4)

Life, that is in Christ, is alive with color and beauty!

Our world does not stop for rest. It does not stop when we grieve. It does not stop even for celebration. And so we must rest in Christ, who holds the world in love. Together, let us find ways to rest in the Lord, rest in Creation, rest in beauty, and connect with the God given gift of summer that is on its way. How might you get outside? How might we do this together? Now is a great time to not only get outside, but also plan outdoor adventures in these coming months.

May your day be filled with the beauty of Creation, gentle sun beams, and rest in Christ.

Blessings to you,

Pr. Sarah

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings from the Church Council. It occurred to me that some of you might be curious about what the Council actually does at Celebration. So, I will briefly explain some of the projects that are currently on our agenda.

We will be meeting with our bank soon to explore deposit accounts that will earn interest at higher rates than we are now receiving. It should be a good time to restructure our deposit accounts to take advantage of savings interest rates that have increased significantly in the past year.

Our Service Care Teams have been organized around specific functions instead of the Care Groups that we have used in the past. Now we have teams of readers, communion assistants, ushers and greeters and refreshments. Volunteers can sign up for one or more of the teams and receive training for that specific function. Additionally, if someone can't serve as scheduled a replacement can be found more easily from among other members of the team. Contact Judy Hussey if you would like to help.

You will notice that we are now celebrating birthdays each month with a cake at fellowship hour. This is part of a larger effort to find different ways of enjoying our community here at Celebration and was introduced by June McCann, the advocate for evangelism.

In addition to these projects, we have three longer range projects on the table. We will be working with our Synod administration to begin the process of updating our constitution to incorporate accumulated enhancements that they have recommended over the past 20 years or so. We will be reviewing the by-laws and continuing resolutions for relevance at the same time. Any recommendation for changes will be brought to the congregation for approval in a special meeting when the review is completed.

The Council is also in the process of enlisting help to study possible options to use our building and grounds to more effectively serve our community. We have a lot of property that we spend a fair amount of time maintaining that might be put to use in ministry. Likewise, we might be able use our building to better use in ministry if our kitchen appliances are repaired and it is supplied with necessary pots, pans and utensils and the space was better organized and labeled.

I hope you find this information useful and please remember that the Council minutes are posted by the door to the copy room.

Thanks and God Bless You,

Dan Hiatt  
Celebration Church Council President



# Church News



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Upcoming Exciting Youth Dates! Mark Your calendar!**

**Plan to come support and cheer on Celebration's youth & confirmation class in the month of May & June.**

- ⇒ **May 19 ~ Confirmation Sunday** Celebrate and lift up in prayer, Lilly Russ as she takes the next step in her faith journey. A reception *with cake* will follow!
- ⇒ **June 2 ~ Youth Sunday** The youth are planning a very special Sunday for Celebration with special music and lots of involvement in the flow of worship. All are welcome and invited!!
- ⇒ **June 9 ~ Senior Quilt Blessing & Presentation** Join us we present and honor Celebration's 2024 senior, Kaitlyn Linebarier. Kaitlyn has been providing nursery support for the last few years, **Thank you Kaitlyn!!** Come celebrate and wish her well in the next phase of her life. A reception *with cake* will follow!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School children have enjoyed working on their Bible lessons on Jesus' death and resurrection, celebrating Easter, and anticipating Passover, the birthday of the church!

We continue to have a full class of children interested in learning more about their risen Savior and His love for each of them. What a precious gift these children are to our church family.



## SERVICE CARE

### Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Etiquette

We have started with Celebration's new service care ministry sign-ups for the various service tasks that take place each Sunday. The response has been great and we are thankful for all the volunteers who have said YES and are helping with the flow of worship and fellowship. There are a few areas where everyone can help and here are some suggestions.

- ◆ Bringing Food? Please bring it ready to serve and place on the table, if possible. It's OK to have it covered until ready to serve. Be aware of food allergies like peanuts, peanut butter, walnuts, honey, partially cooked eggs, strawberries and beans.
- ◆ Remove your refreshments after fellowship, if possible. Take home or place in sealed containers for the following week.
- ◆ Leaving your table? Take a look! Is the table cleared and ready for next week? Are chairs pushed in?
- ◆ Taking kitchen laundry home to wash? Return towels directly to labeled towel cupboard. Return lace tablecloths ASAP or place on kitchen counter and notify Ginny Taplett who will launder.
- ◆ Learn to run the dishwasher. It's not that hard and directions are posted. Larry Taplett will train, so let him know if you're willing.
- ◆ Say YES to any of our service care leaders when asked. They're willing to provide directions and help you. Better yet -- volunteer and don't wait to be asked.

***Thank you to all who are contributing in many ways. You are appreciated!***

Ginny & Larry Taplett (509) 884-4186 [gtaplett@gmail.com](mailto:gtaplett@gmail.com)



Celebration's service care ministry is simplifying how to sign-ups for the various service tasks that take place each Sunday worship.

**Please say YES!**

As service care leaders call on you to participate in the flow of worship. If you are interested in participating in a certain task, please reach out to that leader below. Check the bulletin board for the new service care schedules.

**Thank you!**



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**FELLOWSHIP**

**Fellowship Fun! May 19th ~ 2:00pm ~ Warm Springs Inn & Winery**

All are invited to continue touring the valley's local winery's while enjoying the company and fellowship of one another. Our next tour stop is re-visiting Warm Springs Inn & Winery. They have undergone a large remodel and are excited for us to see it. Hope to see you there! **Invite a friend or family member!**



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**Service of Lament**



Celebration Lutheran is hosting a service of lament, in partnership with First United Methodist Church of Wenatchee and Cascade Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, to grieve the ongoing struggle in the Holy Land. This is an interfaith service open to all people who want to pray for peace, grieve the losses, and acknowledge the horror that continues to unfold.

This will be a service with prayer, song, and scripture.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at Celebration Lutheran Church**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**2024  
Finance  
Report**

***Thank you for your support and pledge to the Ministry of Celebration!***

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>2024 Monthly Budget</u>	<u>January/February</u>	<u>March</u>
Total Income	20,000	29,754	15,181.85
Total Dispersed		35,026.13	20,998.38
Net Fund Gain (-Loss)		-5,272.13	-5,816.06
Beg. Fund Balance	118,664.72		
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$113,392.59</b>	<b>\$107,576.06</b>

# KIDS CORNER




## hear & celebrate

### Jesus' promise

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15, Acts 2:1-21

Jesus promised to send God's Holy Spirit to guide his disciples and to show them what is true. On the day of Pentecost, that's exactly what happened. Jesus' disciples were together in a house when suddenly a loud, rushing wind filled the room, and something that looked like flames touched each of their heads. The disciples began to speak in many languages, that the people from different countries could understand. They were telling everyone about Jesus! It was an exciting day.

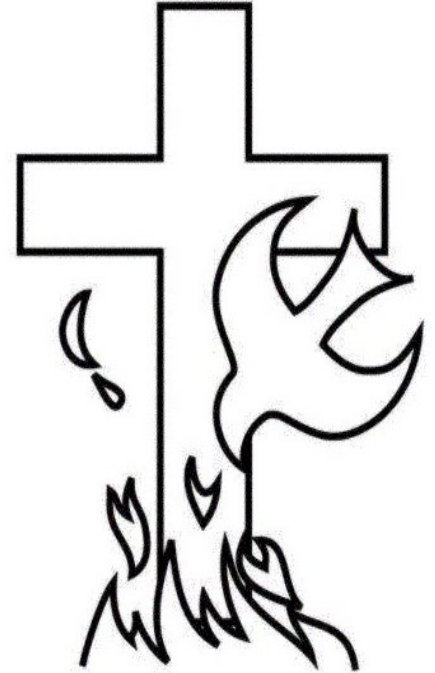


God's Spirit is here! Search the picture for a  and a , symbols of God's Holy Spirit, then draw a  above each of the disciples' heads, and draw people gathering outside the house. Draw yourself in the picture, because *you too* have the gift of the Spirit.



Make a birthday cake at home and celebrate the church's birthday. Invite another family to celebrate with you.

## Color the cross, fire & dove



# BITS & PIECES

## 2024 Northwest Intermountain Synod Regional Gathering - May 18 - 9am to 4pm - Ellensburg

All members are invited and encouraged to participate in the 2024 Regional Gathering of our synod. The focus of the gathering is Stewardship. If you are interested in attending and would like to car pool or meet before traveling to Ellensburg, please let Darcie or Pastor Sarah know to make arrangements. Brandt and Elaine Smith will be attending as Celebration's voting members to the synod.

**Regional Gatherings 2024**  
**Funding Forward**

NWIM Synod

- Spokane Valley, Washington, April 27
- Twin Falls, Idaho, May 4
- Ellensburg, Washington, May 18

Ezra 3:10-13



Our presenter is **Grace Pomroy** who is the Director of the Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She's a lay, millennial stewardship leader, speaker, and financial educator based in Allyn, WA. She is the co-author of the stewardship book, *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*, as well as author of the 2013 ELCA stewardship resource, "Stewards of God's Love." She is currently working on a book about alternative financial models for ministry with Fortress Press, an imprint of 1517 Media.

## Free Book Giveaway at Celebration! Sunday May 19th

Celebration has years of books that are ready to be shared with others! Like **YOU!**

Please come help yourself to the various books based on spirituality, faith, self help, youth and children.

When you're done reading the books you choose...share with others!!

## Free Book Giveaways





# May

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<p><i>Pentecost</i></p>			1	2 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	3 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	4
<p>5 9:00am Sunday School/ Adult Forum 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:15am Youth Group 1:00pm NVC</p>	6	7 5:30pm- 7:30pm Boy Scouts	8 	9 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	10 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	11
<p>12 <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b> 9:00am Sunday School/ Adult Forum 10:00am Worship/Rev. John Coleman-Campbell 11:00am Fellowship 11:15am Youth Group 1:00pm NVC</p>	13	14 5:30pm- 7:30pm Boy Scouts   4pm Council Meeting	15	16 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	17 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	18 Northwest Intermountain Synod Regional Gathering  
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- Pay for events and activities using your checking/savings banking information
- If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office

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