

CELEBRATIONS

*Celebration Lutheran Church
June - July - August 2025*

Summer Sunday Schedule

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

**11:00AM
Fellowship**

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CALENDAR

Bible Study

Tuesdays

11am

Applying the Gospel

&

12pm

BYOB

(Bring Your Own Bible)



Pastor Sarah's Message

Hello, Celebration!

I am writing to you now on the day after we all learned about the murders of the Decker girls. We are currently planning on how to best serve the teachers and staff of Lincoln Elementary, the school where the girls attended, this coming Monday when we signed up to provide lunch. It is also a day on which we are preparing to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, and looking forward to our congregational conversation on the 7th about our values and future direction. And we're also planning the celebration of Darcie's tenure in the church office.

Oh my goodness! That's a lot of stuff for a Wednesday.

The confluence of grief and horror alongside gratitude and celebration that seems to happen in life is sometimes too much. Our little human hearts don't seem adequately designed to stay open to the onslaught of reality, with all its concurrent beauty and destruction.

I'm reminded of Jesus' commandment to us, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34b-35) Well, it seems to me, Jesus loved us without flinching or avoiding either the beauty or the destruction in our world. We are called to a love and open-heartedness that we are incapable of doing on our own. On one hand, this seems wildly unfair. On the other, the commandment drives us straight into the arms of Jesus. We are driven to call upon the divinity at the core of all Creation. With God, all things become possible.

When we come to the end of our capacities, that's when we reach for help. Without the Word, prayer, and our communities, reality can be withering and pushes us beyond our capacity to "stay awake" to reality. We all have our preferred ways of avoiding reality, and yet the call is to stay awake and to love like Jesus loved us. Hard. So, may this be your reminder for whenever you need it, we all need help and support, at some point. Life is hard and there's no need to do it alone.

This summer I thought I'd spend some time studying death and worship planning. When I picked these topics to study with the time that will open in our quieter months, I was simply interested in learning about these topics. I wasn't thinking about the interplay of the two, but here on this day, I am reminded by how often life is a collision of death and reasons for praise. Grief and praise, despair and joy will often hold hands in our lives.

We are indeed made for this world, made to flow between beauty and destruction. We are just not made to do it alone or without faith. We are made to be courageous witnesses to the pain of the world, to survive, thrive, and praise God in the midst of it all, because the gifts of new life that are always unfolding. We do this best in our faith communities. And so I am filled with gratitude for you, for the gift of Celebration in my life and in this community. This is a place made for flowing between beauty and destruction because it is a place made good by our Holy God.

Blessings to you, wherever you are on your journey, this day and all the days to come. Know that you are precious and belong here in Creation and at Celebration. You are made for this place.

Summer Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

WORSHIP

We're about to enter the long season of Pentecost, which stretches all the way to Advent. Wild! The church calendar can feel like a whirlwind of seasons that begins with Advent which quickly zips through Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The arc of Jesus' story from birth, death, and resurrection is a ride of theological ideas, practices, holidays, emotions, and questions. This story arc brings us to Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15th), a day to contemplate the nature of God. In the spirit of contemplation, we rest in the season of Pentecost for months until we circle round to experience the wild ride of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection again.



So, enjoy the rest (hopefully) and perhaps take some time to remember the experience of the church calendar since Advent. What part of that experience could you contemplate this Pentecost season to integrate into your life?

If you'd like to talk about your faith journey, **Tuesdays 11am and 12pm Bible** groups will continue through the summer! Come in, have a cup of coffee, and let's talk about it!

COUNCIL CORNER

First of all, I want to tell you how much I am enjoying working with this council. We are engaging and enthusiastic. The Spring work party was fruitful. Our small crew worked hard to make things really nice for Easter.

New on the grounds is the Richard Weaver memorial bench that has been installed. The plaque with QR codes will be ready soon. I think the public is appreciative as I see people sitting there often. Also, at the last meeting, we found out that we will be having a 2nd Harvest food distribution September 10th.

There are always things to be done around the grounds, so if you have can come up with some time, let Cal Johns know.

I love that we continue to serve each other as well as the community. Celebration Lutheran is the best.

Betsy, Council President



Thank you Celebration From Darcie

Seven and half years ago Celebration took a chance with me. I was presented an opportunity to serve and work along side you in a unique, at times challenging, and ever nourishing ministry. When I reflect on the person I was when I walked through the office door in 2017 to who I am now, the difference is vast and I am humbled. I never could have imagined how this role would impact my life. It has been a role that has imprinted on and enriched my soul from the beginning. I have been honored to get to know so many of my fellow congregants. We've laughed, we've cried, we've mourned, we've prayed, we've commiserated, we've celebrated, we've brain stormed, we've created and so much more! You lifted me up and sustained me in ways you're unaware of (God knows) and I am forever grateful. I didn't always get it "right" but with your grace I was able to try & try again. There are so many great memories in these walls here at Celebration for me but it's not necessarily about the walls, it's about the people. The people of Celebration are a giving, loving, worshiping, admirable and real people. I have been fortunate to have such great examples of how to live a life that Jesus calls us to live....no easy task and still a work in progress but I have witnessed and believe I'm amongst folks who are up to the challenge. I'm continually inspired by you and you will continue to see me worshipping, serving and praying along side you.

Thank you Celebration for the immeasurable, intangible gifts you have given me that will continue to bless me in the years to come. I am honored to take these gifts with me on my next journey and impart on others as it's the right and good thing to do...something that I've learned to do from you.

Blessings, peace and love,

Darcie



Welcome Bernadette! Office Manager of Celebration



After seeking for over a month for the person to be Celebration's next office manager, we found Bernadette Phillips. Pastor Sarah, Darcie and Annette interviewed many applicants and thought Bernadette would be a good fit for Celebration. We hope you think so too after meeting and working with her. She earned her undergraduate (Bachelor of Music & Minor in Spanish) at Central WA University and most recently graduated from the University of Delaware with a Masters of Music Performance. She is a very talented cellist and enjoys performing.

Bernadette is in the process of relocating to the Wenatchee area and will start her new role as office manager on June 30th. Darcie and she will train together for a few weeks so please stop by the office and give her a warm Celebration style welcome.



EVANGELISM

The ushers are now providing Visitor Packets for those who have come to Celebration and have signed the visitors log. The packets include a card to welcome them, a church brochure, a snack and contact information.

This has been a welcome addition for our visitors.

If you are interested in being a part of the Evangelism ministry, please see Debbie Cockle.

SERVICE CARE

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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STEWARDSHIP

2025 Finance Report

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

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>2025 Monthly Budget</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Total Income	20,000	31,575.32	36,321.24	18,295.39
Total Dispersed		20,670.91	20,464.81	18,174.17
Net Fund Gain (-Loss)		10,904.41	15,856.43	121.22
Beg. Fund Balance	89,673.78			
Ending Fund Balance		\$100,578.19	\$116,434.62	\$116,555.84



SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up another year of Sunday School. These delightful children have certainly made every moment fun and interesting. We have had a great year, once again working our way through some of the stories of the New and Old Testament. After Christmas, we went back and covered some stories in the Old Testament, and then we moved on into Jesus' time on earth. We followed His baptism, the call of His disciples, and his teachings and miracles. We were excited to see Him caring for His people during His time on earth, and realizing that is how much He cares for each one of us today! We are ready to take a short break, but fall will be here again before we know it. Please think about any children in your family, neighborhood, or circle of friends that would enjoy a Biblical based story, activities and snack (!) each Sunday :) We would love to grow our numbers. We welcome any and all, including visiting grandchildren or guests. The pictures represent our burnt match crosses for Easter, our Mothers' Day cards, and just our general cuteness. Thank you to the congregation for their support for this ministry and to the families who lend us their precious children each Sunday!!

Ann Black, Sunday School Director



YOUTH MINISTRY

Celebrations Youth finished the year celebrating together at That Pizza Place in Cashmere. They also had the chance to wish Lilly well before her family moves. They had a great time reconnecting, bowling, dancing, eating, laughing and cheering each other on. Pastor Sarah lead them in prayer at the end. Blessings to Annika, Maren, Brooke, Oliver, Lilly and Cole as they finish out the school year and enjoy their summer.



FELLOWSHIP



Our last Fellowship Fun before taking a break for the summer, will be **June 29th 2pm at Dan & Debbie Hiatt's home**. The Hiatt's are graciously hosting our Fellowship Fun providing appetizers and a beautiful scenic view. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share if you like.
23 Sageland East Wenatchee

Thanks to you, our Celebration Family, for your generosity on Quilt Blessing Sunday. 8 quilts were sold and money was donated in an effort to purchase more batting.

The 230 quilts from Grace Lutheran in Cashmere were boxed up and shipped to Spokane and then to the Baltimore Lutheran World Relief headquarters where they'll be shipped to people in need all over the world. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Terry Johns



BITS & PIECES



YOU'RE INVITED. The Grace Lutheran Church Youth and Community Team invites members and friends of GLC and CLC to join us for our monthly Family Game Night. Game Night is held on the **3rd Friday of the month at 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Due to construction at Grace, we will now meet at Celebration Lutheran Church's fellowship hall. Celebration's address is 801 8th St NE, East Wenatchee.

Bring your family, friends, a favorite game if you so choose, and a snack to share. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Mourning Moms Support Group

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

This is a place where mom's can connect, share stories and learn how to cope with our grief in a loving and supportive way.

When: 3rd Monday of the Month 6:30pm

Where: Celebration Lutheran Church 801 8th Street Ne East Wenatchee, WA

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Weaver 509-733-1993
mourningmothers@hotmail.com



CLC COMMUNITY GARDEN -WSU EXTENSION - MASTER GARDENER COLLABORATION

The Community Garden is well under way! 27 of the 28 garden plots are filled with excited and hard working gardeners planting, tending, watering, with anticipation of the bounty to come. Most community gardeners are returning folks from previous years with sprinklings of new people in the midst. Word travels fast throughout the valley about the land available at Celebration with a Community Garden that we no longer have to advertise the plots...they just fill up!

However, we do have 1 plot available from a gardener that had to change plans and cannot garden this season. **It's 13.5ft x 50 ft. -\$25.** If you are interested, please give the office a call...it's not too late! Share this with someone you know who may be interested.

This will be Celebration's 4th season of the community garden since the collaboration with the WSU Extension Office and Master Gardener's Program in 2022. It has taken on a life of it's own in so many ways from being a space with dirt and stakes to friendships and a place to share knowledge of God's great creation.

I invite you at any time to take a walk around the gardens and see the amazing and innovative way people are gardening there. You will be amazed!



Congratulations Brooke Chalmers!

Brooke Chalmers will soon attend [Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival](#) (LSM), joining students from all over the country for several weeks of musical growth and connection.

I understand that you play an important role in this student's life/these students' lives as their music teacher, or as a church leader – pastor, church musician, or youth leader. Brooke shared your email address so you could receive information about their upcoming experience at LSM.

LSM is a high impact program. Students often return home with new musical skills, social confidence, and interest in sharing their musical gifts and experiences in their school ensembles or within their home congregations. I invite you to take a peek into the experience that your student will have this summer!

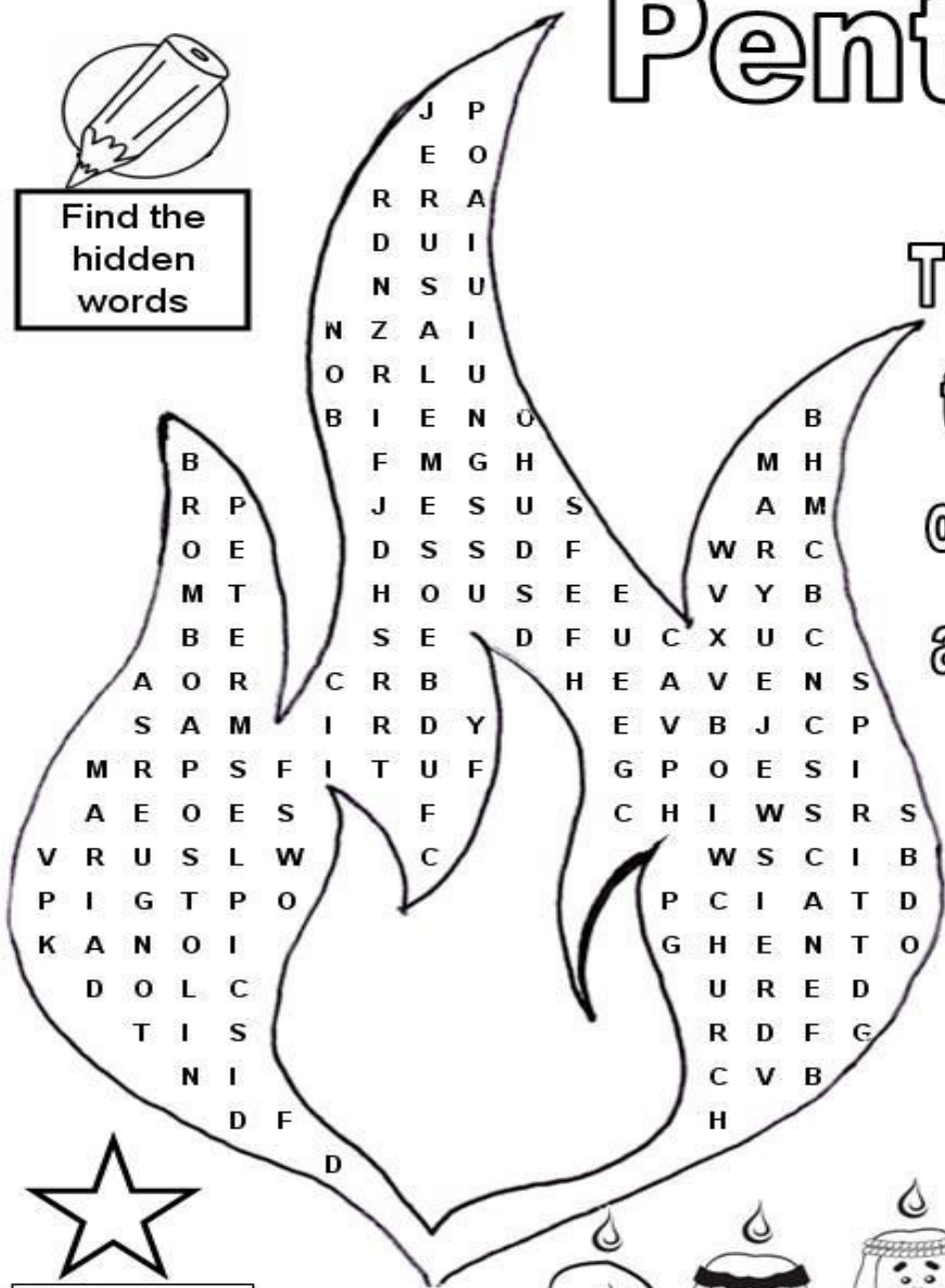
On behalf of my colleagues and the full LSM community, we are thrilled to welcome **Brooke to LSM 2025**, and to encourage them, support them, and offer what we trust will be a summer filled with joy, lasting memories and friendships, and meaningful connections. Thank you for your supporting Brooke with your well wishes, encouragement and prayers.

All my best, MaryLynn Mennicke, Dean and Director of Admissions, Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

Pentecost



Find the hidden words



Then there appeared
to them tongues as
of fire, which parted
and came to rest on
each one of them.

Acts 2:3



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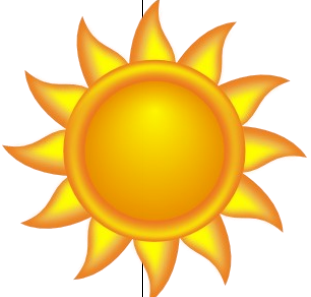
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