

CELEBRATIONS

*Celebration Lutheran Church
September - October - November 2025*

Fall Sunday Schedule

9:00AM
Sunday School,
Adult Forum,
Youth
Confirmation

10:00AM
Worship &
Livestream
Worship

11:00AM
Fellowship

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CALENDAR

Rally Day
September 7
9:00 am

Fellowship Fun!
September 28th
October 26th
November 23rd
2:00 pm

Blessing of the
Animals
October 5th
10:00 am

Reformation
Sunday
October 26th

All Saints Day
November 2nd

Christ the King
November 23rd

First Day of
Advent
November 30th

Pastor Sarah's Message

Hello, Celebration!

Has it felt like a wild summer for you? There's been turmoil in our community and the country. And there's no doubt that our own lives continue to flex and change in ways that are sometimes beautiful but also can be devastating or disorienting. Surprise and change abound!

Friends, this is why I'm so grateful for you and for this community of graciousness, generosity, kindness, and compassion. You help me, as we all help each other, to stay grounded in Christ's love for us all and the essential goodness of God's creation and life itself.

I am also grateful for the folks who came together in June to have our conversation about values and identity. Remember that? Since then, we have had the opportunity to look at the data to begin learning and putting this learning into action. One of the data points I found interesting is 84.4% said that either we have been Christian all our lives or nearly all our lives, and 74% of us answered that we've been at Celebration at least 10 years. What this tells me is that we have a stable community of committed Christians, which is an incredible strength.

Our stability and grounded-ness are also gifts that we can extend to the community. There are so many folks in the community and in our lives that are suffering the same turmoil as the rest of us, who have yet to truly hear a word of grace for themselves. I do believe that we are called as a community and congregation to share our hope, love, and grace.

But how we do that is always the question, right? Thus, being able to name and develop our specific values and gifts was what that conversation in June was all about. I've been compiling all the stories, data, and feedback about who we are and summarized it in these words:

Celebration is a vibrant community of followers of Jesus. We are a community of:

Grace and compassion; Hospitality and kindness; Friendship and fun.

We live our faith by:

Welcoming people without exception or expectation; Nurturing a genuine community of belonging and connection; Seeking and encountering God; Serving our neighbors near and far.

What do you think? Does this describe Celebration?

We may not worry about people's eternal souls and hellfire that much at Celebration. But turmoil is real. Fear is an epidemic in our culture. So I invite you to consider two things:

1. How would you like to be involved in nurturing our community of grace, fun, genuineness, and kindness?
2. How can you let others know that there is indeed a place of rest and hope for the worries that hurt their hearts and souls?

We have so much to be thankful for at Celebration! For those who have founded this church or have been here for years, you should feel proud of what you've created!

One more piece of data, 84.8% of survey respondents said they'd consider getting more involved at Celebration. That's a lot! I encourage you to look again at the words describing our values. What calls out to you?

I pray the Holy Spirit nudges you in a direction that will serve you, serve God, serve Celebration, but most importantly, serve the people who need it the most. May God use us all, put our skills and gifts to work for the sake of the people and Creation God so loves.

In deep love and gratitude,

Pastor Sarah (P.S. Bring your ideas to the office, Sarah, council members, or to team leaders!)

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Volunteer experiences available with CLC's Packaging Friendship program. Deliver sacks of much needed food for the weekend to kids once a week during the school year.

Your help would be much appreciated! Please talk to Cal or Terry Johns



Can you help with a special donation?

\$16 = one month of support for a child

\$48 = three months of support for a child

\$144 = an entire school year for a child

You can give online or write a check with a note in the memo line to designate your gift for Packing Friendships.

Your support for this program is so important and appreciated by the children, which shows in their excitement and sometimes tears of gratitude for these bags that are packed special for them.

Thank you for feeding and loving our valley's kids!

COUNCIL CORNER

Wow, this summer went fast. I am in constant awe at the Blessings in my life that the Lord bestows on me. We are lucky people to be loved so much. I pray for all those that do not have the opportunity to know this first hand. One of the Blessings for our church is that so far this year our income has exceeded our expenses. Yah! This is great news and I thank everyone that has stepped up to make this happen. Also, thank you to everyone that helped with the discernment process. It is always good to have more direction when making decisions for the church.

Don't forget about the parking lot sale October 4th. Come help or bring in your items to sell.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Betsy Schweitzer
Council President



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

Welcome Claire!



We would like to welcome Claire Valdez as our new social media manager!

Claire grew up in the Wenatchee Valley and is the owner of Clarity Meditation & Yoga Studio. She received her bachelor's degree in Health Studies from the University of Washington.

She lives in East Wenatchee with her husband and daughter and loves being rooted in this community. Claire has a passion for supporting local businesses and celebrating the gifts of others.

She feels blessed to share her time and talents with Celebration Lutheran Church and is excited to help our church family continue shining God's light brightly in the valley.

JOIN OUR DISCORD!

Celebration Lutheran Church has joined Discord! Do you want to have an easy line of communication with the church and its members? Discord is an easy app to use and have access to a church chatroom. Type the link down below if you want to join:

<https://discord.gg/Cp4AvsYH>

*This will not replace prayer chain or the church email



Council Members 2025 - Take a look at the Council Member Board Outside the Office

Betsy Schweitzer	Council President	Finance	670-5664
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Pat Guizzetti	Council Secretary	Outreach	670-7141
Barbara Weaver		Service Groups	733-1993
Cal Johns		Property	679-9993
Debbie Cockle		Evangelism	669-3067
Jeremy Long			670-9556

STEWARDSHIP

2025 Finance Report

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



GENERAL FUND	2025 Monthly Budget	April	May	June
Total Income	20,000	16,346.21	19,038.57	18,306.12
Total Dispersed		26,001.79	17,547.39	16,403.32
Net Fund Gain (-Loss)		-\$9,655.58	\$1,491.18	\$1902.80
Beg. Fund Balance	89,673.78			
Ending Fund Balance		\$106,900.26	\$108,391.44	\$110,294.35

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Day



Celebrate with us and
Bee Like Jesus!

Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 AM

Celebration Lutheran Church

801 8th St. NE East Wenatchee

Ages 5-12

Join us for singing, Bible stories, games, snacks,
crafts and lots of fun!

Invite a friend!

All are welcome

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Last year's Trunk or Treat was a huge success and a lot of fun! We are doing it again and You are invited! There are many ways to participate!

- **Donate Candy** - Starting **September 21st** -- Bring in candy bags with wrapped candy (no nuts, please) and place in the BIG basket in the narthex

- **Sign-up to provide a trunk to be Trunk'd or Treat'd** - sign-up sheet will be available September 21st by the bulletin board

Bring your family, friends, dress up and spread the word!

We will be in Celebration's parking lot - **October 31st 4pm-6pm**. Grace Lutheran Church will be there too!

Contact Darcie for questions - 509-683-3349 Hope to see you there!

CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

TRUNK OR TREAT!

4pm-6pm

OCTOBER 31

A Community Event!

Costumes Welcomed - or Come as You Are!

Safe Family Fun for All!

**801 8TH STREET NE
EAST WENATCHEE**



(509)884-3817

FAMILY FUN ~ CANDY ~AND MORE!

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FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Fun!

Join us for Fellowship Fun at 2pm the following Sundays!

September 28th– Tsillian Cellars
 October 26th– Circle 5 Winery
 November 23rd– Warm Springs Winery



BITS & PIECES

Walking with Grief- *A grief support group*

The walk of grief is lonely, painful, and confusing, but you do not have to walk alone. This 12-week program led by Barbara Weaver and co-led by Pastor Sarah is group will help you understand the contours of your grief, connect with others on a similar journey, feel less alone, and imagine a way to continue living after your loss

When: Starts September 4th, 6pm. Meets every Thursday at 6pm until November 20th

Where: Celebration Lutheran Church 801 8th St NE, East Wenatchee, WA

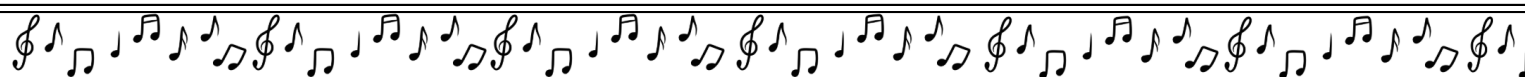
Please register by calling (509)-884-3817, emailing churchclc@nwi.net or filling out the online form at clcwen.org/grief.



Pray-Ground

We are trying something new in worship!

A "Pray-Ground" will be set up in front of the pews for children to play, be more involved, and have a place of honor in our worship. We invite all families to come participate in this new addition to our worship! This project will be led by Susan Gubsch.



Harmony Choir

Have you ever wanted to learn the harmonies to your favorite hymns? Join us for our new Harmony Choir! After service at 11:15, we will be learning and singing harmonies of hymns, led by Barbara Weaver.

All are welcome!

Church Yard Sale!

October 4th, 8am



Now is a great time to go through your closets, drawers, garages, and shops! The Yard Sale will be held outside in the parking lot. You may start bringing your items to the church anytime Monday-Friday 9-1 when the building is open and place boxed items in the hallway. Please see Terry Johns if you'd like to volunteer! All proceeds go to our Outreach committee

Library

Celebration now has its very own little library! Come check out our new bookshelf by the nursery and pick up a book!



CLC COMMUNITY GARDEN -WSU EXTENSION - MASTER GARDENER COLLABORATION

The 2025 community garden is in full swing! Every year I stand amazed by the beauty, bounty, abundance and community that continues to grow right here at Celebration. With all but 2 plots filled, you'll often see gardeners tending to their space filled with produce, flowers or a combination of both. WSU Extension Office and the Master Gardeners program continue this year with Wednesday weekly classes at 6pm in the fellowship hall that are available and free to all! Including you!

Harvesting has begun and will continue until the closing of the season in early October. Bernadette is learning the ways of the community garden and working with Cal to keep things going as smoothly as possible. They're doing great! But, if you are interested in assisting with the garden or lending a helping hand to Bernadette or Cal with community garden chores, let them know! They would welcome you with open arms!

As always, I invite you to take a walk around the gardens to admire and wonder at the bountiful beauty in Celebration's back yard.

Darcie Price



From Cindy and Don Carroll

Thank you for the gift of your prayers and love for Don and me
 this past year during our challenging journey
 through my melancholic depression
 We are so grateful for everyone (whom we know and don't know)
 who accompanied us on this mysterious journey.
 Peace, love, and joy!
 Cindy & Don

*Below is a poem Carol wrote, along with a picture she painted during her medical treatments at
 University of Washington*

***Norwegian Rhapsody* | by Cindy Carroll (8/14/2025)**

When I saw her first smile, I knew
 she had journeyed through the darkness
 into the light.

It was even more glorious than seeing
 the Crescent Moon embrace Venus and Jupiter
 in the pre-dawn sky
 before the sun's rays pierced the darkness of night.

In that silent chapter, she put brush to paper...

Whimsical trees:

one-green, one-ocean blue with a string of read lights
 one-yellow and dotted with red apples
 All painted in the lines

Puffy blue cotton ball clouds bow low to the ground in the white sky.

Poetic flowers

purple orange-yellow red
 huddle close in a cluster dancing
 in lush strokes of Celtic green meadows.

A bird penned with black ink
 soars its way over the mountains
 into the lush, verdant valley
 emanating freedom in its wings

On the horizon between heaven and earth
 a revived soul and a once buried smile





September



Sun

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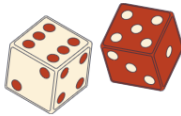
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	1 Labor Day	2	3 8:00am-5:00pm Lifeline Screening	4 6pm Sons of Norway 6pm Grief Group 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	5 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	6
7 9:00am Rally Day 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC 	8	9 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB	10 10:00am-1:00pm Second Harvest 6:00pm Garden class 	11 6pm Grief Group 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	12 7:00pm NVC Music Practice	13
14 Holy Cross Day 9:00am Adult Forum, Youth Group, & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC 	15 6pm Mourning Mothers Support Group	16 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 5pm WRAC meeting	17 6:00pm Garden class 	18 6pm Grief Group 7:00pm-8:30pm NVC Prayer Service	19 6pm Family Game Night 7:00pm NVC Music Practice 	20
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6pm Council Meeting



October



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November

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23 <i>Christ the King</i> 9:00am Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC 2:00pm Fellowship Fun-Warm Springs Winery 	24	25 10am Nate's Physical Therapy Class 11am Applying Gospel 12pm BYOB 6pm Scouts	26	27 Thanksgiving 	28 7pm NVC Music Practice	29 12pm-2pm NVC Devotionals
30 <i>First day of Advent</i> 9:00am Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 1:00pm NVC 						

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Support Our Church's Mission Through eGiving

Celebration Lutheran Church now has the capability to **DONATE** on our website!
Go to www.clcewen.org and click on the **DONATE** button for your general offering.

A few benefits to eGiving to consider:

- Give anytime, anywhere using your computer, tablet or mobile phone
- Make regular church offerings without writing a check or preparing envelopes
- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation
- Schedule recurring contributions so they arrive even when you can't attend services
- 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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