



Campus Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing the Transforming Love of Christ

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***Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High***

(Psalm 50:14, ESV)

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Old Testament (see Leviticus 7:11-15) certain sacrifices were designated as “Thank Offerings.” Thank Offerings were given in gratitude for deliverance from sickness (Psalm 116:17), help in times of trouble (Psalm 107:22), deliverance from death (Psalm 56:12), and other blessings from the Lord. The Hebrew worshippers did not just lift up a quick prayer of thanks to the Lord or send God a brief “Thank You Note.” Rather, they made a specific sacrifice to express their gratitude to Him.

During 2024 we have once again been blessed as a congregation! During Lent and Easter, we participated in the *Being Challenge* and learned how we grow in our relationship with God as we follow the keystone habits that Jesus modeled and taught. Our shared ministry with Good Shepherd Lutheran in Centralia continued to grow as we shared fellowship activities, our Confirmation class, and the Quarterlife ministry among young adults. This year we sent two mission teams to Alaska to conduct VBS. We continued to have vibrant Bible Studies and Small Groups that share Christ’s transforming love, and our Grace Road children’s ministry grew with many new families. Our college student ministry continued flourish under the direction of student workers. We hosted the GO Leadership Retreat for college students. Our annual Fall Festival was again a success with proceeds going to support our missionaries in the Caribbean and in Brazil. Thanks to your generous gifts, we were able to complete numerous projects including accessible entry doors, maintenance of stained-glass windows, improved sanctuary lighting, ductwork cleaning, a soon to be completed repair of the bell tower roof leak, and a long overdue organ repair/upgrade. We are looking forward to an exciting future together as we continue to “live and share the transforming love of Christ.” Visit campuslutheran.org/highlights to see more details.

As we prepare for 2025, we want to make sure that the ministries of our congregation continue with excellence. In order to help make this happen, we will be applying this year’s “Thank Offering” to help support our Shared Ministry with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Centralia.

If it’s on your heart to support our mission in this special way between now and the end of the year, you may use the enclosed “Thank Offering Envelope,” or give online at campuslutheran.org/give. However the Lord moves you to respond, say a prayer of thanks to God, remembering all He has done for you, especially for the salvation He has given you in Jesus, our Savior and Lord!

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Kent Pierce

