

Chesed v' Shalom Ministries

October

Congregation Spotlight



Meet Catherine Johnson: Catherine was born in Chehalis but lived in Germany, Georgia and Oregon before returning to the Lewis County area. She has 3 children (1 daughter and 2 boys).

Catherine has been employed by the Centralia School District since 1999 as a Paraprofessional, and truly enjoys working with children, even when the days seem a bit long and frustrating.

Catherine was introduced to Messianic Judaism through a Passover Seder, after listening to local Christian Radio KACS... being curious about the Messianic movement in the local community.

Catherine has always been interested in various forms of art and found her favorite classes in school were those that allowed expression through creativity. Her mother's best friend collected dolls which became Catherine's mom's hobby and eventually Catherine followed.

Today, Catherine calls herself a Reborn Artist and has developed her hobby into a business/ministry called Roary Cat Reborns (RCR). The mission of RCR is: A Memorial to a life lost, a life saver, and a life changed. Fulfilling the mission, Catherine constructs, paints, and provides lifelike dolls as therapy aids for the loss of a child through any means, the saving of a child through counseling and support and the changing of lives – when a mother decides to keep her child rather than having an abortion. RCR also sells dolls commercially and donates a portion of the proceeds to Centralia Possibilities Women's Center.

Did you know?

You know those people using bibles on their phones? They are using phony bibles.

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Calendar

2 nd Torah Haftarah	Gen. 1:1–6:8 Isa. 42:5–43:10 (Dan V)
9 th Torah Haftarah	Gen. 6:9–11:32 Isa. 54:1–55:5 (Rosie)
16 th Torah Haftarah	Gen. 12:1–17:27 Isa. 40:27–41:16 (Catherine)
23 rd Torah Haftarah	Gen. 18:1–22:24 Josh. 1:1–18 (Wayne)
30 th Torah Haftarah	Gen. 23:1–25:18 1 Kgs. 1:1–31 (Saundra)

* THE TORAH AND HAFTARAH CHAPTER/VERSE NUMBERINGS ARE TAKEN FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE (CHRISTIAN PUBLISHED CHAPTER/VERSE NUMBERINGS ARE INDICATED WITHIN PARENTHESIS).

Shabbat services are held 11:00 Saturdays at:
Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Rabbi's Korner By Rabbi Jim Pace

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
— Albert Camus

I really like the quote from Albert Camus. As we go through Spring and Summer, we are entertained by the beauty of buds, flowers, garden produce and of course my tomatoes – as we watch their growth and eventual harvest with glee.

It strikes me, however, that every plant has a leaf; yet that isn't our focus. We focus our attention on those things that will give us immediate or almost immediate satisfaction. But the leaf (without which no plant can survive) is overlooked until the harvest is complete. And then, often times, the leaf is pulled up, plowed under or burned with the rest of the former greenery of our gardens.

As Autumn appears, the trees begin to remind us of the importance of leaves and their existence. For it is leaves that bring life sustaining sunlight and water to the plant. Beautiful orange, red, sometimes purple and various shades of green, burst forth in what seems to be a fanfare of color that announces the change of seasons, like the rooster announces the morning.

As people, we tend to act in a similar way. The actor, the sports figure and even some members of our churches and synagogues, present themselves in flowering ways to attract attention to themselves to accent their importance. However, what those flowers don't realize is that without the unassuming leaves in the congregation, the attractiveness of the flowers would not exist.

The Scriptures are very clear; although we are called to do different tasks on behalf of Adonai, we are all equal in beauty and treatment in His eyes. No special attraction, just a garden of beauty, accented by humble flowers and serving leaves.

Proverbs 3:5 sums it up: Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. (Amplified Bible)

Are you a flower or a leaf?

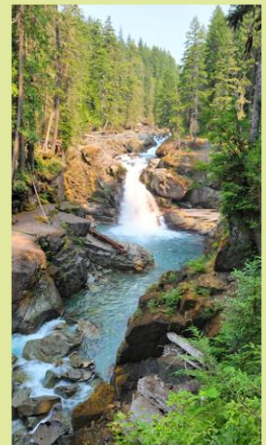
Happy Hikers

by Julie Bedell

Beautiful Myrtle falls and a woodland bridge. Myrtle falls is at Paradise in Mt Rainier Park and the footpath bridge is at Longmire, at the base of Mt Rainier.



Longmire features a short footpath with a small founders cabin and natural mineral springs.



Myrtle falls, a half mile from Paradise Inn, is the beginning of a longer trail which travels toward Mount Rainier showing great views of the Mountain and surrounding scenery.

Let the rivers clap their hands. Let all the mountains sing before the Lord. Psalm 98

Happy Hikers is a Congregational activity, and everyone is welcome to come along; for more information contact
Diana Miner - (360) 749-0617

Torah Study Contest

Object: Study Torah during the week

Prize: This month's prize is a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.



Rules: Answer the monthly question by sending email to rabbij.d.pace@comcast.net. In the subject line write "contest answer" (only those words so it will go to the right file). Entries must be received by October 20, 2021.

All winners' names will be assigned a number. A random number generator will decide the winner. (I know...I'm a techy).

This Month's question:

We are finishing our celebration of the High Holidays with the erection of the Sukkah and a service that includes a celebration meal.

1. Is Sukkoth referenced in the Apostolic writings? If so where?
2. What are the three species of the Lulav?

Last month's contest had no entries.

Congregation Financial Report

	Income	Expense
August	\$3,665.37	\$3,579.24
Total Assets as of August 31	2020 \$35,155.38	2021 \$43,856.25

A Big Thank You

Many thanks to Casey, Peggy, Mary, Catherine and Dan, who have volunteered to be on the Audio/Video team. They will begin training soon. *Many hands make light work.*



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Waving the Lulav and Etrog:

The lulav (date palm) grows in watered valleys, hadass (myrtle) and aravah (willow) grow near water sources, and the etrog requires more water than other fruit trees.

By taking these particular species and waving them in all directions, we symbolically voice a prayer for abundant rainfall for all the vegetation of the earth in the coming year.

So, when we wave or shake the lulav, we bring the letters of God's name together and channel that Divine energy.

We also have a lovely teaching about the make-up of people and community as it relates to the lulav and etrog.

It begins this way:
Taste represents learning.
Smell represents good deeds.

The etrog has both taste and smell.



Bat Mitzvah

By Evelyn Dailey

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable – if there is any virtue and if there is anything worthy of praise – dwell on these things.” Philippians 4:8

How do we “dwell on these things” while being assaulted daily with the negative or erroneous opinions on everything? How do we close off the clamor, violence and evil and focus on what Adonai is saying to those who sincerely want to hear His voice?

Webster tells us to dwell, is to linger over, in thought or speech; a dweller is a person who lives in a specified place, an inhabitant or permanent resident. As Daughters of the Commandments, we have two dwelling places: a temporary earthly residence and a future permanent residence with Adonai for eternity.

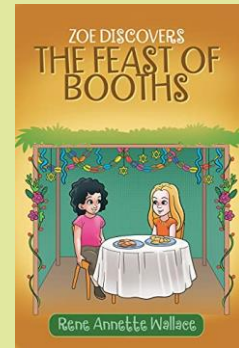
In our earthly dwelling we are told “not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so we may discern what is the will of God – *what is good and acceptable and perfect*” *Romans 12:2* WOW!! That takes us back to Philippians 4:8.

The battle is in the mind, ladies, and we have not been given the spirit of fear, but of love and power and a sound mind! *2 Timothy 1:7* We are not to dwell in a state of confusion or strife. We know the Truth and the Truth has set us free. *John 8:32 & John 14:6*

So what shall we choose this day: living in confusion, fear and agitation, or dwelling” in Adonai, Who is a God of order and Who gives us Peace that surpasses all understanding. *Philippians 4:7* The choice is ours!!

PS Watch the geese as they come in this Fall. They faithfully follow and communicate with their leader and each other, and the strong circle back to encourage the weak!!

Resources



Zoe Discovers the Feast of Booths by Ash Mejru:

This is a fabulous lesson about God dwelling with Israel during the wilderness journey. Did you ever think about how Jesus came to earth in the flesh?

He too models the “temporary dwelling” in His flesh before He ascended to be with the Father.

Let your child revel in the mystery that few Christians realize – God’s appointments with Israel are meaningful for Christians, too!

Every holiday teaches us more about God’s faithfulness to Israel and in turn His faithfulness to Christians as well.

Available through most bookstores and of course Amazon.com. Price around \$7.00

News From Isreal

One million people visited the Western Wall during the holidays

The Western Wall saw a million worshipers during the High Holy Day season this year, after COVID-19 restrictions were eased.



A MAN blesses the Arba Minim or Four Species, carrying a lulav, etrog, aravot and hadassim during the Birkat Kohanim Priestly Blessing at the Western Wall at Hol Hamoed Sukkot, September 2021.

About a million people visited the Western Wall during the High Holy Day season this year, according to the Western Wall Heritage Foundation.

Last year, COVID-19 restrictions allowed for only a limited number of worshipers to gather at the Western Wall Plaza, when previous years saw tens of thousands of worshipers.

Thousands joined for the traditional [Selihot](#) penitential services in the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, as well as during the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The pilgrimage holiday of Sukkot and Shmini Atzeret also saw large numbers of worshipers.

The rabbi of the Western Wall, Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz stated, "The masses that came to the Western Wall are impressive and strong proof of the Jewish nation's connection with the Western Wall, which unites us all through preserving tradition and its holiness."

CVSM Ministry Partners:

Chesed v' Shalom partners with several ministries in our community and in Israel.

Please consider joining us in assisting these ministries in their endeavor to teach the world about our God, through service to His people:

Love In The Name of Christ Lewis County

Lewis County Gospel Mission

Lewis County Chaplaincy

Centralia Schools Backpack Program

Bridges for Peace Israel Children's Feeding Program

Health and Hope Medical Outreach Centralia

United Hatzalah Israel Ambulcycle

Pope's Kid's Place Centralia

Rosie's Korner Kitchen

By Rosie Trujillo

Triple-Layer Pumpkin Pie

2 pkg. ($\frac{3}{4}$ oz Jello-O pumpkin spice flavor pudding) (can use Vanilla pudding and add pumpkin spices, if you can't find pumpkin flavor Jello-O)

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground cinnamon

2 cups cold milk

1 ready-to-use graham cracker crumb crust (6 oz.)

1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup pecan halves

1 Tbsp. Honey

Beat dry pudding mixes, cinnamon and milk in medium bowl with whisk 2 min.; spread 1-1/2 cups onto bottom of crust.

Stir 1-1/2 cups COOL WHIP into remaining pudding; spread over pudding layer in crust. Top with remaining COOL WHIP.

Refrigerate 1 hour. Meanwhile, cook nuts and honey in skillet on medium-low heat 2 to 4 min. or until nuts are caramelized, stirring frequently. Spread onto waxed paper, separating large clusters. Cool.

Sprinkle nuts over pie just before serving & enjoy!!!

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