



## Pastor Pam's Pennings

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*Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).  
John 20.16*

This Lent, we have walked our way through the passion story, according to John. Each week we have spent our time on a part of the Holy Week events, thinking about Jesus and how all of this fits into our life today. The things Jesus said and did in John's telling of his life are some of the best known scriptures in our popular culture.

As the events of Holy Week unfold, we are prepared to see the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in a different light because of the time we have spent in Lent moving toward this week that makes Christians, Christians. Why is this so important? Our popular culture knows less about the Bible than in recent history. WE need to know, understand, and be able to articulate what it is we believe...and why. Not for the sake of arguing, but for deep conversation with people who are hurting, or hungry for a word of hope, or ready for something that truly satisfies.

And, dear friends, those people are all around us! After falling in February, I

thought a lot about how I greeted people coming down the mountain while in pain. Almost every person I met going up, I smiled at and greeted with, "Good morning, how ya doin'?" (I was in the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee) My reply to that question was always, "Fine." Why did I do that, I've often asked myself. Was it embarrassment, fear, a need to save face? Did those people coming up really need to know my pain? Of course not, it was a casual and standard greeting of American polite society.

Not all of our relationships are this casual. We have co-workers, classmates, friends and relatives that we can (and possibly should?) speak resurrection hope to when things are going well – and when things are going not-so-well. Through the eons, Jesus still calls us by name, just like Jesus did to Mary on Easter morning. Jesus knows us – the deepest and most hidden parts of us – and loves ALL of us. His abiding presence in our lives gently moves us to know more and more about our faith and how it interacts in our daily lives.

It's Easter...hope, joy, peace, and love are ours...can I hear a Halleluiah?!?

*Pastor Pam*



***Greetings!***

***He is Risen! Alleluia! As I am writing this newsletter we are entering the last weeks of Lent. All our efforts for a wonderful Holy Week are progressing as planned. I will comment in detail in my May article, but for now I thank you all for your efforts this past Lenten Season.***

### **Youth Music News!!!!**

**\*Kaleidoscope** meets on Tuesdays 4:30-5:30. Remember, this is for children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will sing, dance, play instruments, play games/activities, do drama, and make crafts. We have lots of fun so come join us! We will resume our weekly activities on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Youth Band** meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30. The band is working on a set list so they can put on a concert later on in the Spring or Summer. The band will start back up rehearsals on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Musicmakers** meet on Tuesday mornings from 11:00-11:30. We are now focusing on their music rudiments through singing, rhythm instruments, and bells. Please come and hear them in church this month on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Music Teams are tired from their hard work this Lenten season and will be taking a week off after Easter. We are planning some wonderful music selections to finish out the music season which will end in late May. Our Praise Team and Youth Band will take over for the summer and lead worship.**

**Worship Report:** So far, no more audio/visual problems and the organ is working. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make your worship experience more comfortable.

**Thanks!**

**Your humble Director,  
Brian Madigan**

## High School and Young Adult Ministries

Jesus Christ is Risen Today – Alleluia! Holy Week is one of my favorite liturgical times of the year with Good Friday’s service being my favorite service. Our faith culminates at the cross – Jesus lived, died and resurrected for us and it is by his grace we are saved. It is no surprise that Easter comes during spring – a time when the earth creates itself anew. Back in Chicago, spring is the time when mid-westerners can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that winter is over. During the Easter season, we as Christians can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that Christ loved us so much, he died for us. Alleluia!



**EASTER BREAKFAST!** We will be serving a pancake breakfast from 9 – 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. Tickets are \$5/person prior to Easter and \$7/person at the door. Children 3 and under eat free!

**EASTER BREAKFAST HELP!** There are still volunteer spots available – please see me (Sarah) or email me at [sarah.swagler@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.swagler@gmail.com) if you are available to help. We would love if you are able to assist with set-up on Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall!

**EGG HUNT:** Calling all children in grade 2 and under!! After (or before) you enjoy pancakes, come on over to the playground for an Easter Egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 1st! Please bring your own basket.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018!** Mark your calendars!! Our Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 23 – 27, 2018! This year’s theme will be “We are on God’s Team” and focus on sports/service for Christ! We are still looking for volunteers to help with this important ministry. Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 8, after service. Feel free to let me know beforehand if you are interested and available to help!



**GOT THRIVENT?** Did you know that depending on your Thrivent account, you get up to two \$250 gift cards to use for a cause? If you haven’t used these, Vacation Bible School would love them to help offset the cost of supplies! Kim is the Thrivent guru – if you have any questions, we can help!



**HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE!** It’s baaack! We will meet again for our April movie on Sunday, April 29, 2018, after service!

*Sarah--*



## Preschool News

March was a busy month for the preschool.

We had our "Tiaras & Bowties" auction on Friday, March 9th. Everyone looked lovely in their dressy/formal attire. We had a wonderful night with a wine pull, "Grab a Gem" lottery game; "Bubbly & Bling" drink raffle and dinner with live piano music. We had 75 auction baskets this year as well as live auction items and our *Fund an Item* which was to raise money for playground upgrades. **We made a profit of \$12,620.00 for the preschool.** Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success!

We had a lot of fun with the children celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of spring. The children's imaginations go wild searching for leprechauns on the playground and setting leprechaun traps in their classroom. We have enjoyed seeing all the new bugs on the playground. We started planting in our garden and look forward to seeing what will grow this spring.

The last two weeks of March we had parent teacher conferences to get ready for registration the first week in April. **After current parents register, open enrollment for our upcoming summer and fall sessions will begin on April 15th.**

We celebrated the season of Lent and had our Easter Celebration on March 30th. We had an Easter egg hunt and a picnic on the playground with the preschool families.

**April 16-20 is Week of the Young Child.** We will conclude the week by having a special preschool Sunday in church on April 22. The children will be invited to sing at the service and the classrooms will be open after the service to look around and see all that the children do at CLP. We will have different fun activities each day to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us.

*Looking forward to a fun month!*  
*Lisa Clinton*



Dear Friends.

I want to thank you for returning the Adult Education Interest Surveys so quickly. Please make note of the topics that were the most popular. We will inform you of the next Adult Education series soon.

Most of you were interested in: Delving into differing religions, The Psalms: Managing Emotions, Books of the Bible, The Disciples, Developing a personal relationship with Jesus, Applying our faith to daily living, Health and wholeness, Nature... creation and God, How to deal with stress and anxiety, LOVE WINS, the book by Rob Bell.

\*The plight of Native Americans

\*Japanese Internment Camps

If anyone has expertise or resources for any of these topics, please let me know.

Thank you, Deborah Otterson

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**Men's Bible Study** Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Men of all ages are encouraged

to come to the conference room for a time of study and fellowship. **Next meeting is Monday, April 9.**

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Pray for Peace in the Middle East

Join Pastor Pam in the Sanctuary on the 24th of each month at 7pm



to pray for peace in this fragile and volatile area of the world. Raising our voices together in hope for respect and resolution is one way that we can support our brothers and sisters in this region.

Thur, Mar. 28-Maundy Thursday  
Worship 7:00pm

Fri, Mar. 30 - Good Friday  
Worship 7:00pm

Sat, Mar. 31 - Easter Vigil, 7pm  
Holy Redeemer,  
Bellflower

Sunday, April 1 Easter Worship  
8am & 10:30am  
Breakfast 9am-1030am  
Egg Hunt 9:30am

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The Sons of Norway meet in CLC's Social Hall at noon on the



second Saturday of each month.

Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. **Our next meeting is April 14 at 12:00pm.**

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### Grief Group

This group meets on the first Sunday of every month to be a support for all types of loss. This is not a closed group, so please attend as you can and invite others should they have the need. **We will not meet in April please feel free to join us on Sunday, May 6th at 2pm.**



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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, Coleen Fenton, Ione Marchael and Pat Nell.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns: BJ Anthony, Carol Goller, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Dave Nell, Ron Nelson, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Lonnie Timney, Ed Trost and Cathy Westwood.

Family & Friends: Jeri Cooper Alacano, Alexis Blair, Lois Brown, John Byron, Charlie Corm, Vicki Fitzpatrick, Alberta Gray, Paul Hayes, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Helen Horner, Mary Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Laurie Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Troann Loy, Steve Nelson, Don Norris, Sylvie Olson, Lisa Paioni, Ross Panos, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Alicia Saldana, Marlene Shafer, Bruce Short, Marian Smith, Jack Stolle, Steven Sulfaro, Anna Watt-Morse, Mark and Helen Weisel, Bill Weston, Terri Weston, Jenny and Steve West, Ken Yokoyama and Gary Zimmerman.

We pray for the ongoing work of: Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.

Those serving in our nation's military; especially Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, Nicholas Flournoy, Gabriel Gallegos, Richard Gallegos, Chandler Hoover, John Lamberton, Brittany Graham, Davis McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn, Haley Fessenden, Johnny Luna, Shawn McRae, Emily Merritt, Steven Andrew Navarro, Michael Joseph Navarro, Jim Reeder, Sophie Schade, Douglas Steelhammer, Miguel Vancini, Jr., Dominic Vancini, Jonah Westcott, Joshua Wauchope and Collin White.



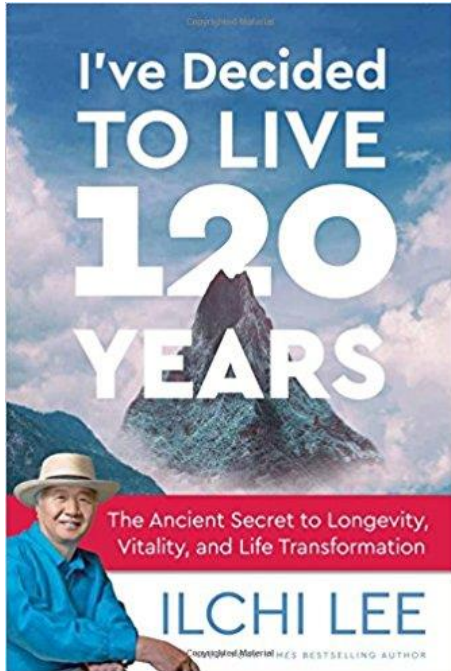
## *Happy Anniversary*

- 4/21 *Cindy and Gabe Tostado*
- 4/21 *Linda and Gary Zimmerman*
- 4/22 *Courtney and Seam Cover*
- 4/25 *Ruth and Lowell Benner*



- 4/1 *Brianna Peralta*
- 4/3 *Dave Challis*
- 4/3 *Amanda Croes*
- 4/3 *Jillian Rollins*
- 4/9 *Phyllis Kay*
- 4/9 *Matthew Nelson*
- 4/10 *Laurie Ennen*
- 4/14 *Shannon Howard*
- 4/15 *Ethan Dwinell*
- 4/17 *Stephanie Petrbook*
- 4/18 *John Ennen*
- 4/27 *Lisa Cottrell*
- 4/27 *Mark Moon*
- 4/28 *Paislee Treat*
- 4/29 *James Petri*
- 4/30 *Tricia Latiolait*
- 4/30 *Erin Lowther*
- 4/30 *Stephanie Murray*





## *I've Decided to Live 120 YEARS?*

Why would anybody claim they can live 120 years AND write a book about it?

***Shannon Howard, a longtime member of Christ Lutheran and Practitioner of Body and Brain Yoga would like to explore this new book with you.***

I've Decided to Live 120 Years reminds us that our years after sixty can be just as purposeful, well-planned, and rewarding as the years before. With a healthy lifestyle and a positive, hopeful outlook, we can live up to our biological potential.

*"A delightful guide full of inspiration and information for those who want to live a full, vibrant and meaningful life at any age." -don Miguel Ruiz, author of The Four Agreements*

*"This extraordinary book renders the most complex secret of existence—how to give your life meaning, longevity, and fulfillment—amazingly simple. The wisdom here is miles deep, yet easily accessible, making it instantly usable. What you'll read here can change your life for the better immediately, and you can't ask for more from a book than that. What a gift!"*

*-Neale Donald Walsch, author of Conversations with God series*

**We will be starting a book club to discuss the book and its messages, on Thursdays starting April 12th at 7:30 at Shannon's home.  
12352 Topaz Street, Garden Grove**

Books can be purchased prior to the start of class from Shannon Howard at a discounted price of \$15.00. (Scholarships are available)

Any questions? Contact Shannon @ 714-904-0871