



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

Each June, I always think back to childhood. We were out of school right before Memorial Day weekend, so June was the month that summer vacation started. ♪ *June is bustin' out all over!* ♪ - the lyrics from *Carousel* seemed to fit those early days – the garden was beginning to produce summer's bounty, the grass seemed to grow inches overnight, it was not too hot and humid yet, and the summer reading book list was just waiting for me to dig in! We went to the cottage each weekend where swimming, water skiing, fishing, and hanging out with summer friends were the daily joys. Busy. Fun. Each day held its own adventure.

Here at Christ Lutheran, June is not the time we go into "vacation mode" (actually, we don't have a vacation mode here)! Summer just means that we shift into a different gear.

June begins with **Synod Assembly on June 1 & 2**. Ingrid Fulleman-Ramos,

D'Jesus Trujillo and I will be representing us as voting members at California Lutheran University, our Assembly site. On Saturday the whole synod is invited to worship at the chapel at CLU, as we celebrate the Native Americans who were the First Nations on the land we now call the state of California. Time 10am.

June 3, we have scheduled a New Member Class. Let anyone you know who may be interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran, or who is curious about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian come and join us in the Conference Room after worship. **June 10 is Grad Sunday.** We will be honoring our High School, College, and Grad School graduates.

June 17 is Father's Day. We have gifts for all of the men who will be in church that day. It's also the day we will honor those who have served in the Military with a **Quilts of Valor** presentation. And, we will be sending

our National Youth Gathering people off with a blessing!

June 24 begins a week of collecting usable housewares and clothing for The Connection (the church that uses our facility on Saturday nights) as well as hosting a Middle East Peace Taskforce presentation of the movie, *The Wanted 18*, having a meal together and ending with Prayer for Peace.

I also want to mention a couple of July dates. July 8 after worship we will be celebrating Justin and Sarah's twins with a baby shower. Details will come soon.

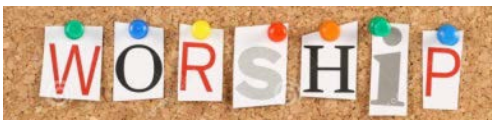
July 15, we will be celebrating our Preschool Director, Lisa Clinton's 10th Anniversary with a luncheon

celebration after worship. Look for those details to come soon as well. Are you keeping up with the news of Christ Lutheran? If you have an email address, we work hard to put out a Friday e-mail blast that is also duplicated on our Facebook page. Our website is kept (pretty much) up-to-date as well with the current newsletter and schedules posted. **VBS is coming! July 23-27.**

Busy doing God's work, busy changing the world for God's sake! That's Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool.

Thank you, servants of God for your loving dedication to the ministries of this congregation, our synod, our denomination, and the world!

Pastor Pam



Greetings!

Summer is coming! Just the other day, I was thinking about my youth and our annual three month sabbatical from school and those wonderful memories we produced...while barely staying out of trouble. Whether it was playing baseball, boogie boarding at the beach, riding bikes (and jumping things we should not of been jumping), swimming, hanging out at the pizza parlour, going to the movies, buying fireworks at the fireworks



stand and doing stupid things with them (we had no idea what safe and sane meant), or chasing after the ice cream truck (I still have Pavlovian spasm when I hear that music), we knew how to fill those three months. Sometimes I wonder how I ever made it to High School. Those were the days!!!



Youth Music News!!!! Kaleidoscope meets on Tuesdays 4:30-5:30.

Remember, this is for children ages K-5th 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 continue until mid-June and then take a break until after VBS.

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 when they are comfortable. The band will continue until after VBS when we will take August off. Once again, the band will lead the music at VBS!!!



Musicmakers meet on Tuesday mornings from 11:00-11:30. We are now focusing on their music rudiments through singing, rhythm instruments, and bells.



The Music Teams are currently planning special music through mid-June. After that, the praise team will lead worship through the summer months...along with special guests. Please join us June 10th when the choirs finish their season with two wonderful anthems.

Worship Report: Thank you everyone who showed up on May 19th to help take down the butterfly and put up the Pentecost streamers. The more people who come and learn how to do all these special techniques, the better off the Altar Guild is for years to come.

My first order of business is to ship off the hand bells for cleaning and refurbishment; in addition to having our piano tech prepare a new string for our Grand Piano in the sanctuary. Other than that, let the summer fun begin!!!



Thanks!

Your humble Director,

Brian Madigan

High School and Young Adult Ministries

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE!

We are on God's team!

Looking for ways to enrich VBS?

- ➔ Dates are July 23 – 27, 2018, 9 a.m. – 12 noon
- ➔ We are still looking for a few volunteers to assist with various activities throughout the week. Want to help? Contact either Sarah Swagler (sarah.swagler@gmail.com) or Kim Croes (officemanager@christlutheranlb.com)



- ➔ Come out and help at one of our work days:
 - Sunday, June 10, after the Grad Sunday reception;
 - Tuesday, June 19, at 11 a.m.;
 - Tuesday, July 10, at 11 a.m.
- ➔ Donate! To date, VBS has begun with a \$0 budget line. This year, to ensure that we have some funds built-up, there is a donation wall in the Narthex. If you would like to take an envelope, find the dollar amount that is comfortable for you and return it in either the offering plate or directly to the office.
- ➔ **GOT THRIVENT?** Did you know that depending on your Thriver 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 off-set the cost of supplies! Kim is the Thriver guru – if you have any questions, we can help!



Grad Sunday! We will be honoring our 2018 High School and College graduates on Sunday, June 10. During service, we will give them a blessing and a special gift and we will host a reception immediately following service. All graduates are welcome to bring their families and friends.



ELCA Youth Gathering: Please keep our youth in your prayers as they embark to Houston, TX, for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. We will send them off on Sunday, June 17, at service and they will be gone from Monday, June 25 – Sunday, July 1.

Long Beach Pride! Kit, Joy and I had such a wonderful time spreading God's love for all people at the Pride Festival on Saturday, May 19, with SoCal Lutherans! It was a wonderful reminder that "God loves you and the ones you love!"

--Sarah





Preschool News



In May, we had a great turn out for Moms and Muffins. Moms and their children enjoyed breakfast and fun

activities that included making ribbon streamers and dancing, painting rocks for the garden, and making macaroni necklaces.



We had free Elks Vision Screenings on May 24th & 25th for ages 3 and up. This is a great program that is able to catch many vision issues early on so they are easier to correct.



In June we will celebrate the blessing of dads with Dads and Donuts. We will have breakfast and activities for the Dads to do with their child at drop off.

Our school year will come to an end on **Wed, June 20**. We will honor our Room 4&5 friends that are going to Kindergarten with a special graduation ceremony just for them at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Then we will celebrate everyone at our End of Year Program in the Social Hall at 11:30am. We will have cake on the yard and school will close at 1pm.



We will be closed for staff work days on **Thurs June 21 & Fri June 22** to prepare for our summer session which will start on **Mon June 26**. Our theme for summer will be "Storybook Summer".



Sincerely,
Lisa Clinton

New Fellowship Opportunity for Seniors This regular fellowship time is an opportunity to enjoy a potluck meal, conversations with each other, Pastor Pam and maybe interesting visitors, play cards or other types of games, etc. Make sure to be at the next meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 12:30pm in the social hall everyone else who attends is asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please contact Harriette Probst at 562 430-9448; leave a message and say that you are from Christ Lutheran.

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Adult Bible Study is now meeting on the second

and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:15pm in the home of Phil and Jeanne Peterson. The current study is on *Heaven*. Everyone is invited and welcome to join in. The June meetings are on the 13th and the 27th. Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093.

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Bible 101 and Men's Bible study are taking a break for the summer. Please feel welcome to come to the Wednesday Bible Study group which takes a close look at the readings for each Sunday or to the Adult Bible Study described above.

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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.

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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 June 9th at 12:00pm.

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Grief Group

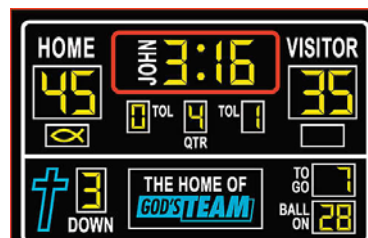
This group meets on the first Sunday of every month to be a support for all types of loss. This is not a closed group, so please attend as you can and invite others should they have the need. Please feel free to join us on Sunday, June 3 at 2pm.



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We're on God's Team

VacationBibleSchool

July 23 - 27, 2018

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

VBS is a week of worship, crafts, Bible Stories, fun and games for youth 4 yrs. - completed 5th grade.
Youth volunteers (6th grade through high school) welcome.

Cost is \$30 per child
\$20 for 2nd sibling
\$10 for each sibling after 2

This program is directed by
Members of Christ Lutheran Church

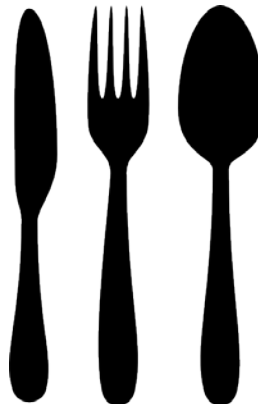
Please use separate forms for each child, extra registration forms available at www.christlutheranlb.com
Or Church office - 562.598.2433

Christ Lutheran Church 6500 E. Stearns St. Long Beach, CA 90815
(South side of Stearns St. between Palo Verde & Studebaker)



Bring your still useable, small appliances, kitchen ware and clothing, (all sizes and ages) to the social hall stage the week of June 24th.

The Connection’s Los Angeles Ministry is helping people into housing, so the need for anything that would help them is great. Any donations are greatly appreciated.



Please contact Ron Nelson at 562 430-1224 if you are interested in going.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

PREFERRED RESERVE SEATS
\$28
PER TICKET

INFIELD RESERVE SEATS
\$32
PER TICKET

AUGUST 25

LUTHERAN NIGHT
at
DODGER STADIUM

Saturday, August 25th 6:10pm
DODGERS vs PADRES

The Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS and the Southwest CA Synod and Pacifica Synod of the ELCA present Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium. Join friends and family for a special evening benefiting Lutheran Social Services of Southern California. A portion of proceeds from each ticket sale will be donated in support of the organization's programs and projects. To purchase individual tickets visit dodgers.com/Lutheran.

FOR GROUP TICKETS:
Contact Britni Howze at
323.224.1304
or BritniH@ladodgers.com
for groups of 20 or more.

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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, Rebecca Green, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Dave Nell, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Lonnie Timney, Ed Trost and Cathy Westwood.

Family & Friends: Jeri Cooper Alacano, Janice Back, Alexis Blair, Lois Brown, Wynn Burkard, the Burkard and Weston families, John Byron, Clara Caldwell, Charlie & David Corm, Pat Cray, Vicki Fitzpatrick, Alberta Gray, Jackie Grover, Paul Hayes, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Helen Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Laurie Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Troann Loy, Jane McInnis, Steve Nelson, Don Norris, Sylvie Olson, Ian Ollie, Lisa Paioni, Ross Panos, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Alicia Saldana, Marlene Shafer, Bruce Short, Marian Smith, Jack Stolle, Anna Watt-Morse, Mark and Helen Weisel, Bill Weston, Terri Weston, Jenny & 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, Dominic Vancini, Jonah Westcott, Joshua Wauchope and Collin White.

Happy Anniversary

- 6/12 *Sue and Roger Bredenkamp*
- 6/12 *Jenn and Scott Ostergren*
- 6/14 *Angie and Mike Freligh*
- 6/23 *Linda and Sergio Peralta*
- 6/25 *Donna and max Johnson*
- 6/25 *Chris and Rick Panos*



- 6/1 *Mia Colvin*
- 6/2 *Megan Lowther*
- 6/3 *Maggie Fitzpatrick*
- 6/4 *Kristina Randig*
- 6/4 *Kit Snider*
- 6/8 *Kim Croes*
- 6/10 *Fletcher Garrett*
- 6/10 *Roger Halvorson*
- 6/14 *Michael Elliott*
- 6/16 *Marcos Zumaya*
- 6/17 *Parker Treat*
- 6/20 *Lowell Benner*
- 6/22 *Faith Timney*
- 6/25 *Cathy Westwood*
- 6/27 *Richard McGee*
- 6/28 *Teresa Lowther*
- 6/29 *Casey Burkard*
- 6/30 *Laura Innes*