



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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What do you know about rainbows? As a child, July brought a lot of storms and playing in the sprinkler on those hot, humid Indiana days. I loved rainbows then, I love rainbows now. Kermit the Frog (Rainbow Connection), Noah (from the Bible), my own life experience, and those of our grandchildren all seem to endear me to rainbows. From the S.A.L.T. project comes these important facts about rainbows...

First, most rainbows form (or suggest) a partial circle in the sky, which in turn suggests a full circle - and what's at the center of that full circle? The head-scratching answer is: the shadow of that head you're scratching (or at least the spot

where your head's shadow would fall, if you could see it). Let me explain. Every time you see a rainbow, the sun is behind you, and the sunlight bouncing off the water droplets in front of you is refracted back as the ROYGBIV colors (as if the droplets are little falling prisms). Think of your field of vision as a cone with its tip at your eyes, radiating outward from there; you perceive the rainbow along the curve of that cone. And so the center of the rainbow's circle is the point directly opposite the sun from the observer (i.e., the point at which the shadow of the observer's head would fall). So the sun is always behind you when you see a rainbow. Now you know where in the sky to look for one!

Second, for the same reason, every rainbow we see is the same sized arc within our visual field - whether we perceive it in a backyard sprinkler or over some distant mountains. In other words, if you were to reach out your arms to indicate the span of the rainbow you see in your backyard sprinkler, your arms will be the same distance apart as they'd be if you did the same thing to show the

comparable span of the rainbow that appears to be out over the horizon. This is because the perception of the rainbow is always the result of refracted light appearing to you along the curve of the "cone" of your visual field - and the shape of that cone never changes. Astounding - and true! And third, have you ever seen a double rainbow (a rainbow outside another rainbow)? Well, next time you do, look closer: the outer rainbow is a reflection, and as such, its order of colors is reversed! Not ROYGBIV, but VIBGYOR!

God's creation is full of amazing surprises! (saltproject.org)

As this month marches on in colorful progression, we move through a rainbow-

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variety of experiences here at Christ Lutheran. We celebrate our country's 242nd birthday on July 4, and then get to celebrate the birth of Frances Ruth and Caleb Sullivan Swagler on July 8. We will be celebrating Lisa Clinton's 10th anniversary as our Preschool Director on July 18. July 22, we will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive and Vacation Bible School starts Monday the 23rd, with a celebration on Thursday, July 26 with a rainbow array of picnic foods and a program showing off what the kids have learned!

And, boom! July, 2018 is done.

Isn't God good to us? The bright colors of summer are upon us!

Pastor Pam

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Greetings!

Summer is here! It is that magical time of the year when our talented congregation steps forward and signs up for special music...yay!!! I will send around the clipboard until every single date is filled. Don't forget about VBS this month. Our Youth Band will once again be leading the opening and closing music.

Youth Music News!!!! Kaleidoscope is taking a break until after VBS. If you know of anyone with any interest in this fun group, please have them contact me!!!

Youth Band will also be taking a break...our hard working kids are off doing summer activities! Once again, the band will lead the music at VBS!!!

Musicmakers performed at their graduation and moved on to kindergarten...I will miss them but I look forward to the new bunch of kids this fall.

The Music Teams are currently off for the summer

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 Alter 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



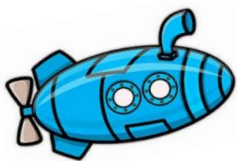
Preschool News

In June we celebrated Father's day early on Friday, the 8th with Dads and Donuts. We enjoyed breakfast and activities that included making paper airplanes, building hot wheel tracks, and decorating a DAD collage.

We ended another year of *Growing in God's Love* on Wednesday, June 20th with a special graduation ceremony for those going to Kindergarten and an End of Year Program for everyone. Our teachers then worked hard the next two days while the school was closed to get everything cleaned and switched over for our summer session.



Our "Storybook Summer" began on June 25th. We are looking forward to exploring different authors each week. We will also participate in the Church Vacation Bible School July 23-27.



Special Summer Guests will include: The Blue Submarine, Police, Librarian, Guide Dogs of America, Whatever Little Pony Pictures & Rides, Dino Encounter, and an obstacle course/bounce house.

**Looking forward to a fun-filled summer,
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, July 12 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 July meetings are on the 11th and the 25th. 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.

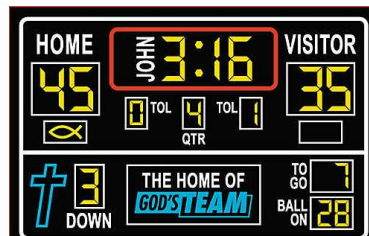
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The Sons of Norway meet in CLC's Social Hall at noon on the second Saturday of each month.



Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. There will be a break for July and August. **The September meeting is Saturday the 8th.**

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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)

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
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or BritniH@ladodgers.com
for groups of 20 or more.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We remember in our prayers...

Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, Ione Marchael, Pat Nell, Ed Trost

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

Family & Friends: Jeri Cooper Alacano, Lisa Briedis, Lois Brown, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara Caldwell, Jeff and Alice Chan, Charlie Corm, David Corm, Jim Edwards, Cheri and Fernando de Gomez, Alberta Gray, Paul Hayes, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Helen Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Laurie Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Jane McInnis, Steve Nelson, Don Norris, Sylvie Olson, Ian Ollie, Lisa Paioni, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Alicia Saldana, Marlene Shafer, Bruce Short, Marian Smith, Anna Watt-Morse, Mark and Helen Weisel, Bill Weston, Terri Weston, Jenny & Steve West, Ken Yokoyama, the Young family, Gary Zimmerman and Ken Zumbek.

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

- 7/10** *Jeanne and Phil Peterson*
- 7/18** *Ann and Rich Williams*
- 7/28** *Rebecca and Matt green*



- 7/4** *Ken Yliniemi*
- 7/11** *Kyle Petrbock*
- 7/11** *Noah Timney*
- 7/11** *Matt Weisel*
- 7/12** *Ben Elliott*
- 7/17** *Callie Biel*
- 7/20** *D'Jesus Trujillo*
- 7/22** *Jennifer Ostergren*
- 7/23** *Diana Harbort*
- 7/29** *Sydney Nichols*
- 7/30** *Rebecca Green*
- 7/31** *Ana Sophia Tinsley*