



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. Gal.4:10

Summer season is coming to an end – though for us it's still summer hot. This month we begin another “season” of programming. Choirs, music programs, confirmation, Sunday school, etc. all begin this month.

Labor Day Weekend! I hope everyone has a relaxing day honoring the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. I always think of my dad who was a United Auto Workers union member and the times they went on strike to make the workplace a safer place. Cesar Chavez and his movement for the farm workers here and elsewhere. As we grill and have our family and friends around us, let's not forget what Labor Day is all about.

Our Community Festival/Rally Sunday is September 9! It's going to be such fun!!! I hope you will invite the people who live around you, and your family and friends as we eat and party

together! Yummy food and playtime are essential for all people – including our church family!

Confirmation begins on September 12 with a parent meeting at 7pm. We will be talking about the changes to the program as we are doing confirmation on our own for the first time in years...the season of change has come.

Congregation meetings are an opportunity to keep us informed and updated. September 16th's meeting is not exception! We will hear the committee, as well as updates from our ministry chairs because in October... Stewardship month will be upon us before we know it! October is the designated time for us to examine our current giving, and prayerfully ask what God intends for us to give back of God's money, time, and talent this coming year.

We are observing special days and months and seasons and years. Thanks be to God!!!

Pastor Pam



Happy New Year!!! Well, as a church music director, I consider September the beginning of the Church Music Season/Year. We kick things off this year with our Community festival/Rally Sunday on the 9th. This will give everyone an opportunity to sign up for various worship and music groups, as well as enjoying an afternoon of family fun, food, music, et al. Please invite your family and friends so they can see what we have to offer here at Christ Lutheran.

Youth Music News!!!!

Kaleidoscope is starting back on Tuesday, the 11th @4:30. We will now be meeting upstairs in Room 8.

Youth Band is starting back on Wednesday, the 12th@4:30. We will continue to meet in the Sanctuary.

The Music Teams are starting back rehearsals on the following dates: 1) Choir—Thursday, the 6th;
2) Bells—Thursday, the 13th; and Praise Team—Sunday the 16th@8:30. Keep in mind, many music team members are getting stressed out over lack of new members. We need new members to keep these groups strong. To make sure we have enough singers (in the choir) and ringers (in the bell choir), please consider joining us this Fall.

Worship Report: As I am writing this article, the Handbells are currently on their way back to us, completely repaired, adjusted, tuned, and refurbished. I was so disappointed in the overall cost and hope to do a series of fundraising activities to reimburse the general fund and augment our current music budget to offset any other major costs that may occur in the near future.

I am looking forward to another worship season here at Christ Lutheran. Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures...as well as your love and support.

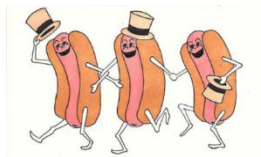
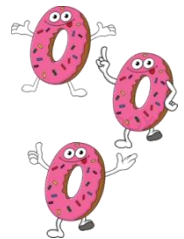
*Your humble Director,
Brian Madigan*

High School and Young Adult Ministries

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Here we are! Another academic and programming year is upon us! When I was little, I used to LOVE going back-to-school supply shopping. When else could I bask in the task of getting to decide whether I wanted the unicorn or rainbow trapper keeper? The beginning of the year was always buzzing with possibilities of the changes and growth that would happen in just a few short months. And so begins this year, too!



Sunday, September 9, 2018; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Rally Sunday/Community Festival. Food trucks, bounce houses and fellowship – oh my! We are doing Rally Sunday big this year and marketing the event to the community! Stay after worship where food trucks Berlin and LA Donuts will be on Stearns with yummy treats available for purchase! Plus, we will have live music, bounce houses for the kids in the playground, face-painting, crafts and a showcase of all the wonderful ministries CLC has to offer! It’s not too late to help! Contact Sarah at sarah.swagler@gmail.com or 708-271-7060 if you would like a table or to volunteer!



Sunday, September 16, 2018; 5 – 7:00 p.m.: LOFt Kick-Off.

Calling all high schoolers! We will start our program year off with a BBQ at the Swagler Haus (2276 Canehill Ave). Come on over from 5 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and be ready for hot dogs, hamburgers, S’mores and more! Bring your bathing suit if you wish as we have a hot tub (or pool to Grant!). Invite a friend or two and let’s get excited for another year together!!

Sunday, September 23, 2018; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: LOFt Faith.

LOFT’s new time will be Sundays immediately following worship. Our topic on this day will be living faith in today’s society.

Sunday, September 30, 2018; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: LOFt Together.

Let’s watch a movie *together*. Pizza provided.



Preschool News

Our "Storybook Summer" session was lots of fun! Each week we explored different authors. Special Guests included: The Blue Submarine, Police, Librarian, Guide Dogs of America, Whatever Little Pony Pics & Rides, Dino Encounter, and an obstacle course/bounce house. We also had a special Grandparents stories and lunch and invited Church members to come volunteer to read with kids since a lot would not have Grandparents able to come. It was great!

We had a new student orientation on Friday, August 10 from 3-4pm. We had about 9 out of our 18 new students come for orientation. We started off in the social hall for introductions, toured the school, and then went on the playground to play, meet the teachers, and enjoy some refreshments.

Our end of summer celebration was on Friday, August 17 from 12-1pm. We closed August 20 through 24 for our staff work week to get everything cleaned and prepped for fall.

Our 2018-2019 school year began on August 27th. Our teachers will be installed on Rally Sunday, 9/9. Our staffing for fall will be Mrs. Brown in Room 1, Ms. Theriault & Ms. McFarland in Room 2, Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Skinner in Room 3, Ms. Laney in Room 4, Mrs. Cervantes in Room 5, Mrs. Leone in Room 6, Mrs. Palley for our Afternoon Teacher, and Ms. Scott as our Floater.

We will spend the month getting to know all of our new families and getting to know our current families even better. Back to School night will be Monday, September 10th at 6:30pm.

We wish all of our graduates going on to Kindergarten success and look forward to welcoming our new and continuing students to another year of growing in God's Love at CLP.

*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, September 13, at 12:30pm in the social hall** everyone else who attends is asked to bring a 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 September meetings are on the 12th and the 19th.** Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093.

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Bible 101 meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:15pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time getting to know the Bible; bring your questions to try and stump Pastor Pam—betcha can't! No previous experience required! Join us on Sept. 25.

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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, September 10th at 7pm.

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. The September meeting is Saturday the 8th.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every 2nd and 4th Monday evening at 630pm on the church campus. If you enjoy

knitting and/or crocheting, please think about using your talent to create prayer shawls for those in our congregation and within our community.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We remember in our prayers...

Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, 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, 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, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Katie Karich and family, Mary Keenan, Katrina Lahr, Jane McInnis, Steve Nelson, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Alicia Saldana, Tracy Sanchez, Marian Smith, Anna Watt-Morse, Bill Weston, Terri Weston, Jenny & Steve West, Ken Yokoyama, 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 Lambertson, 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

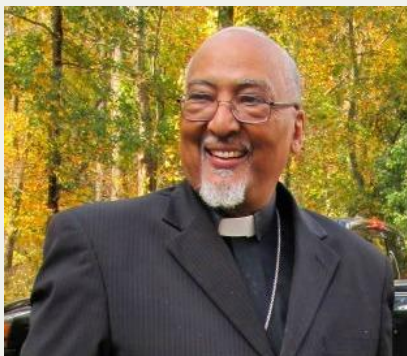
- 9/1 Phyllis and Ron Kay**
- 9/1 Margaret and Frank Madsen**
- 9/10 Kim and Frank Croes**
- 9/19 Barbi and Don Darnauer**
- 9/27 Laurel and Adam Elliott**



- 9/2 Brandon Petrbock**
- 9/6 Nicholas Jenkins**
- 9/7 Chris Panos**
- 9/8 Sue Bredenkamp**
- 9/8 Eric Willms**
- 9/10 Pam Challis**
- 9/10 Susan Stewart**
- 9/10 Nathaniel Willms**
- 9/11 Matt Clark**
- 9/12 Nathan Latiolait**
- 9/14 Hannah Rodrigues**
- 9/18 Don Darnauer**
- 9/18 Donna Johnson**
- 9/18 Emily Randig**
- 9/20 Ashley Cover**
- 9/21 Jonah Koch**
- 9/22 Arielle Joubert-Honacki**
- 9/23 Anne Harrington**
- 9/23 Chantal Joubert-Honacki**
- 9/25 Kameko Flournoy**
- 9/25 Kathy Treat**
- 9/26 Jax Johnson**
- 9/26 Gail Taggart**
- 9/28 Linda Peralta**
- 9/29 Samantha McGee**
- 9/30 Matthew Timney**

In Memoriam

The Rev. Raymond LeBlanc



October 30, 1945 - July 24, 2018

Pastor Raymond LeBlanc passed into glory on July 24, 2018 in Sugarland, Texas.

Pastor LeBlanc received his B.A. from Texas Southern University in Houston in 1972, and his M.Div. from Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, OH in 1978. He was called in May of 1978 to establish a Gospel-centered new mission in Carson, California with a "handful of people gathering to worship...a church, not just for themselves, but a church for the whole neighborhood." He also served as president of the Carson branch of the NAACP and on California Lutheran University' Board of Regents. In 2002 he was called to serve by the Division for Congregational Ministries of the ELCA on a "blue ribbon" task force to develop a comprehensive strategy on evangelism.

Pastor LeBlanc retired from First, Carson in 2009, and subsequently worked in church redevelopment in the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA. He is survived by his wife, Karen, and two daughters, Rae and Karissa.

Condolences and expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Mrs. Karen LeBlanc and Family
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