



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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

Happy New Year! As 2019 begins, I always get the sense of this specific point in time to be a, “a special season” like the Bible verse says; a time to think about what my goals are for this year. I ask myself questions like:

- What is it that I would like to accomplish?
- What do I need to make this happen?
- How will I go about measuring my goals?
- What is my deepest desire for this year and how will I fulfill it?

There is so much in our world that is beautiful and can fill us with awe and wonder. We are so blessed to live close to the ocean where we can walk, and play, eat and laugh as the waves crash onto the sand.

I love learning new things, stretching myself to become more rounded as a human being, so I'm excited to be working to accomplish my new learning goal this year. I know what I need to make it happen and I have the equipment to measure my goal. Now, all I need is to keep at the program I began in 2018 and hopefully the goal will be achieved around Easter this year. What is it, you ask? Wait and see!

My deepest desire for this year is something you can help me with. I deeply desire that we, as a congregation, will become more deeply connected to God and each other. This desire is why we switched to the Narrative Lectionary three years ago – to help get the whole story of a book of the Bible.

I invite you this year to open the Bible and read it. If you read 3 chapters each day and 5 on Sunday will get you through the whole Bible in a year. If you're not big on reading scripture, then I invite you to read the Bible as a novel! My favorite is written by a Lutheran pastor and author, Walter Wangerin. The book is entitled, *The Book of God*. It's available in e-reader format as well as in print. The nerd in me couldn't put the book down when I read it for the first time!

Happy New Year! *Pastor Pam*



Greetings!

Happy New Years, my friends. It is hard to believe I am beginning my third year as your Worship and Music Director. It truly has been a blessing for me. My only concern has been music team members having to leave us and not having any other congregational members step up and replace them. Even if some of you would join seasonally for Christmas and Easter that would make a huge difference.

Youth Music News!!!!

Musicmakers starts back January 8th.

Kaleidoscope I is on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:00. Kaleidoscope I is for those new to the group; Kaleidoscope II meets from 5:00-5:30. This is for the returning children from last year and/or those with prior music experience. Please notify me before coming so I can choose the best fit for your child. We will now be meeting upstairs in Room 8. I am very excited for we have 12 kids this year and growing. Yay!!!!

In January, I am beginning phase two for the upstairs rooms. Phase One was room 8, which is now a warm and inviting meeting place for the kids each week. Phase Two and Three will redecorate and organize the Arts/Crafts/Sunday School Room so the Sunday school room is even more warm and inviting. Also, I will make the large upstairs room into a rehearsal space, piano lab, and audio/visual room. Any money needed has already been funded which is a blessing in itself.

Anyone from church who wants to be on the Kaleidoscope email list (to receive news and newsletters with photos, videos, et al.) please let me know and I will include you.

Youth Band is starting back up again this month. I am having a new banner made to advertise this opportunity. Anyone 6th grade and older with any interest in playing in a rock band, please have them see me.

The Music Teams are starting back this week after a short post-Christmas break. Their hard work and dedication was on display this past holiday season. Thank You!

Worship Report: Nothing new to report other than considering helping out on Alter Guild and please check the flowers chart and consider filling in any empty weeks so we always have fresh flowers on Sundays.

Once again, 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

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15.

It seems impossible to me that we are already welcoming in a new year. 2019 will be a year of transition – again. A year of unknowing. Of leaving a community we have grown to love and attempting to find a new one that we will hopefully grow to love and accept us, as well. Of thanking God for the many blessings and challenges we face that make us grow stronger and closer together. May we all continue to hold Christ’s peace in our hearts and carry it forth into the world. ~Sarah



THANK YOU!

I spoke about how generous our congregation is and that truly showed this holiday season!

- **Christmas Greens:** We raised \$200 on the sales of Christmas Greens. That money was donated to the Fank Family in Olivia, MN, towards the headstone of their son, Leslie.
- **Brownie/Cookie Jars:** We raised \$211 to Miracle Ranch.
- **Tamales:** Total TBD.
- **Gift Cards for the Fank Family:** Total TBD.

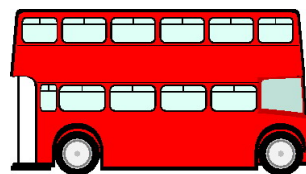


LOFT Dates

- **LOFT** will begin on Sunday, January 6, 2019!



Preschool News



On December 7th we had a special family outing with a Christmas lights tour of Naples on the Big Red Bus. What a great way to get in the Christmas spirit!

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Our annual Christmas program, "Who Is Coming to Our House" was on Friday, December 14th. Since we expanded Room 3 this

year, we needed a bigger stage. Kurt Weisel so generously donated his time and talents to build a 3rd level for our stage. We are so grateful to him! The sanctuary was packed as usual. After the show we enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies that were baked by the children with Ms. Clinton, Pastor Pam, and Mrs. Sarah as well as some of the youth group.



Ms. Brown got married on December 16th. We wish her and her husband all the best! We will now have to get used to calling Ms. Brown 'Mrs. Caston'.

We close for winter break December 24 through January 1st. School resumes on January 2nd.

We are now planning our 2019 auction which will be on Friday, March 15th at 6pm at The Grand Event Center again. Our theme will be "An Emerald Evening". We are in the process of sending out letters to collect donations. Looking forward to this fun-filled event!



Lisa Clinton

OWLs in the Nest 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, January 10th, 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 *the Book of Acts*. Everyone is invited and welcome to join in. **The January meetings are on the 9th and the 23rd.** 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 January 22nd.

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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, January 14th at 7pm.

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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. The January meeting is Saturday the 12th.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every 2nd and 4th Monday evening at 6:30pm 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

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

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

Family & Friends: Jessica A., Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Marianela Atencio, Ralph Bender, Lois Brown, CJ Buckner, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara Caldwell, Raul Cerda, David Corm, Steven Corm, Michelle C., Gail Delanty, Jim Edwards, Stephanie, Lorraine and Larah, Shawn Fechter, Cheri and Fernando de Gomez, Alberta Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Katrina Lahr, Heather and Kathy Lund, Jane McInnis, Barbara & Scott McKinney, Warren Merriman, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Maria P., Joyce Pressler, Paul Quinby, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Alicia Saldana, Tracy Sanchez, Marian Smith, Jack and Betty Stolle, Anna Watt-Morse, Jenny & Steve West and Gary Zimmerman.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

- + Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.
- +First responders who provide safety, security and care.
- + Those serving in our nation's military; especially Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, Damian Ellsworth, 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.



- 1/2 Beverly Koenen**
- 1/2 Jared Petrbook**
- 1/5 Bary Schlieder**
- 1/7 Kristine Trost**
- 1/9 Matt Green**
- 1/11 Melissa Biel**
- 1/15 Lois Kelley**
- 1/16 Linda McGee**
- 1/18 Kathy Klute-Nelson**
- 1/20 Marvin Moon**
- 1/22 Gloria Tadlock**
- 1/24 Rob Randig**
- 1/26 Jacquie Segal**
- 1/27 Mark Ennen**
- 1/27 Garrett Latiolait**

*“The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine on you
And be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give
you peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26

