



## Pastor Pam's Pennings

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*You shall love the Lord your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always. Deuteronomy 11:1*

In Confirmation this year, we are studying the Old Testament, also called the First Testament or the Hebrew Bible. As we study together, I am reminded of how much love there is in these books! Over 450 times the word “love” appears – God’s love for us, our love for God, our love for each other.

It’s the month for love, February is. We celebrate Valentine’s Day – a celebration of men (at least two, maybe three) – who during the reign of Emperor Claudius, continued to marry people even though it was illegal to marry at the time. Valentine was arrested and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. The sentence was carried out on February 14, on or about the year 270. Legend also has it that while in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer’s daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it “From Your Valentine.”<sup>1</sup> That’s why on Valentine’s Day we give simple gifts of poems, candy, flowers, and cards.

Quick reminder – the flower chart for 2019 is on the door in the Narthex. Dedicating flowers helps our Sanctuary look beautiful each Sunday.

With a prolonged Epiphany Season this year (Ash Wednesday isn’t until March 6), we get to spend a long time basking in the light and love of God, hearing the stories of Jesus as he begins his ministry. We will walk with the disciples as they hear Jesus’ most amazing message, what we call The Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew’s Gospel. And, we experience the one miracle that teaches us the most about God’s abundance for us in The Feeding of the 5,000.

It’s the month of love. God loves us. We love God. We love each other. As the government shutdown continues, I pray you will be extra generous. There may be some pretty hungry people around town whose benefits are compromised. We will join the other congregations as we support those agencies that feed the most in need. Think about love. Practice love. Be love.

+Blessings+ *Pastor Pam*



Greetings!

I am still recovering from the Christmas flu so I kept a pretty low key early January. I will have more to report for you in next month's newsletter when I am more coherent. Please my friends, do not get this flu. If you do, my prayers are with you.

### Youth Music News!!!!

Musicmakers meet on Tuesday morning at 11:00. I will keep you posted on upcoming events when they transpire.

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 meet upstairs in Room 8. I am very excited for we have 12 kids this year and growing. Yay!!!!

We have a website: <http://brimad.com/Kaleidoscope/Welcome.html>

Youth Band started back up again last month. Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older with any interest in playing in a rock band, please have them see me.

The Music Teams are already looking towards Lent. For those who cannot make the time to sing and ring throughout the year and have some experience, please consider making an eight week commitment for Lent and Holy Week. Both the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir would appreciate some extra help.

**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



*“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:2*

February is the month of love. With all that is going on in the world today, it seems like the Jackie DeShannon song is more relevant now more than ever – what the world really needs now is love, sweet love. This month, how can we share Christ’s love with each other and those around us?



- Super Bowl LIII is on Sunday, February 3, 2019! Bring your canned goods/money to help support the Cal State Long Beach Food Pantry and help your team “win”!
- LOFT will be selling squares! Each square is \$5. Prizes are \$10 for first quarter; \$25 for half-time; \$15 for third quarter and \$50 for final score! All proceeds will be stored in restricted funds for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in St. Paul, MN.



### LOFT Dates

- **LOFT** will be ice skating on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>! Open skate is from 1:40 – 3:40 p.m.



# Preschool News

## Preschool News

We had a very nice winter break December 24 through January 1st. School resumed on January 2nd. Ms. Brown got married on December 16th and is now Mrs. Caston. We welcomed a new teacher and several new students when we came back. Ms. Nancy Yang is the new teacher for Room 6. Since we increased the enrollment in Room 2, Ms. McFarland is now co-teaching in there with Ms. Theriault.

We are continuing to plan for our 2019 auction, "An Emerald Evening" which will be on Friday, March 15th at 6pm at The Grand. Tickets will go on sale Sunday 2/3/19 and will be \$40 each. We sent out letters and are in the process of collecting donations. Looking forward to this fun-filled event!



In February we will have Special Person Day on Feb 7th. Each child will get to bring someone that is special to them like a grandparent, aunt, or uncle. They will go to Chapel together and then enjoy going classroom to classroom to participate in different activities as well as enjoy refreshments in the courtyard. Activities will include dying carnations red, making cards, making candy, playing games, reading stories, and taking a picture and decorating a picture frame.



Wishing you a beautiful month!

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, February 14th, 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 February meetings are on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093.

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**Bible 101 meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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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, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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 February meeting is Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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## **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, Carol Goller, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Dave Nell, Bary & Janice Schlieder.

**Family & Friends:** Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, Lois Brown, CJ Buckner, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara Caldwell, Dawnie Campbell, Raul Cerda, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Gail Delanty, Jim Edwards, Shawn Fechter, Ana Forrester, Cheri and Fernando de Gomez, Marla Gonzales, Alberta Gray, Bobbi Guzman, 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, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Joyce Pressler, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Yvonne Seymour, Jack & 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 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.

*2/15 Doug Holdhusen & D'Jesus Trujillo*

*2/27 Angie & Ron Nelson*

*2/28 Gaby & Scott Ihrig*



*2/1 Harriette Probst*

*2/1 Harold Rivera*

*2/2 Janan Fancher*

*2/2 Tonette Matera*

*2/3 Sarah Swagler*

*2/4 Kathleen Davis*

*2/5 Angela Joseph*

*2/5 Kathy Mitchell*

*2/7 Gwen Ostergren*

*2/11 Lana (Howard) Clark*

*2/11 Jeff Rodrigues*

*2/12 Frank Croes*

*2/13 Jeanne Peterson*

*2/14 Kristin Garrett*

*2/14 Chloe Halvorson*

*2/17 Rich Williams*

*2/18 Angie Rollins*

*2/19 Karen Wyrick*

*2/20 Laurel Elliott*

*2/21 Nancy Knight*

*2/27 Christine Chiem*

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**ANNOUNCING**

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**Habitat for Humanity  
Greater Long Beach Faith  
Coalition Fundraiser**

Help us raise money while enjoying your favorite pizza, pasta and salad!

Domenico's has been a Belmont Shore institution for nearly 65 years.

Domenico's will donate **25%** of the total sales generated by our group to **Habitat for Humanity Long Beach!**



**Monday, February 25th, 2019 11:30 AM  
to 10:00 PM**

***You must present this flyer***

for the fundraiser to qualify for the 25% donation from Domenico's. Flyers must be distributed prior to the fundraiser event. Flyers may not be passed out inside or outside . For Dine-In or Take Out.

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