



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. Daniel 9.3

Lent, that season that begins with Ash Wednesday is upon us on March 6. We will, once again, offer midweek worship on Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm. After the morning worship and before the evening worship, we will have soup and bread – a simple meal shared together in community. I know it's odd, but I love Lent – the days of preparation as we journey with great intentionality to the cross of Jesus and await Easter's joy-filled celebration.

Lent is a time to get serious about our faith and be intentional about growing that faith as we remember the price that Jesus paid to bring us these redeeming, life-giving messages of love and acceptance from God's own heart.

So, dear friends, it's time to Quit Church.

It's time to quit, to give up, to surrender, to let go of the actions and attitudes and approaches that have held you back – and held the church back – from experiencing all that God has for your life, and the life of the church. Do I have your attention? Good! Come each Wednesday during Lent and experience what this might mean for you and your walk with God! I have loosely based this on the book, *Quit Church* by Chris Sonksen. His theology definitely is NOT Lutheran, the principles are good! So, while I don't advise you to read the book, know that this is where the concepts derive. Your Congregation Council enjoyed a small retreat and worked together to formulate some goals for this year, under the theme for this year *This is Church!* Each Sunday, in the Prelude slide, you will see photos of what church is – which goes FAR beyond what happens when we gather on Sunday mornings! I hope you'll pay attention and contribute a few photos of your own.

The goals for this year are:

1. **Get the solar up and running**
2. **Get current on technology**
3. **Get streaming services up and running**
4. **Have a new Youth person in place before Sarah leaves in May.**
5. **Develop and utilize small groups in a more intentional way**
6. **Bring new people into our worship**
7. **Have a solid implementation plan for the 10 Year Committee report.**

As it is March, I'm feeling the stress of the new Youth person most acutely! We will need to be on this now. It's not easy to find the right fit, so your prayers are coveted.

+Blessings+

Pastor Pam



Greetings!

Lent is here! Although Sundays are exempt (yes...we can celebrate Jesus at Sunday worship during Lent), it has been a tradition to keep even Sundays subdued during this somber season (the old "no alleluia" rule). By why is it so? Except for the Final Holy Week when Jesus gives up his life for our sins, these 40 days are a celebration of Jesus' ministry...a ministry we still follow to this day. I am cancelling Shrove Tuesday this year. I lost over ten pounds on the Long Beach Flu Diet so gaining it all back on one day of over-eating does not appeal to me.

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 is taking its annual Lenten break.

The Music Teams are working on their Lenten offerings. 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

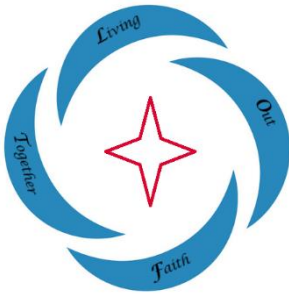


High School and Young Adult Ministries

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10.

✓ Thank you to Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos for taking the lead on selling Super Bowl Squares! We raised \$400 for the youth and the winners were: Q1: Rich Williams; Q2: Linda and Garrett Magee; Q3 Dave Challis; Q4 Dave Challis

✓ Thank you to everyone for donating to the Souper Bowl of Caring! We donated over 200 items and \$64 to the Cal State Long Beach Food Pantry!



MARCH LOFT Dates

- **Sunday, March 3, after worship until 1pm:** Food and Faith
- **Sunday, March 24, 9am:** Hiking the Hollywood Sign

We had a great time ice skating at the Rinks, Lakewood, on Sunday, February 10!





Preschool News

February flew by! We had a wonderful Special Person Day where just about every child had a Special Person visit with them in the morning! For Valentine's Day, the classrooms each had their own parties to celebrate.

In the month of March we will have our auction entitled, *"An Emerald Evening"* which will be on **Friday, March 15th at 6pm at The Grand**. Feel free to wear green and have a fun night out while supporting CLP!

We will have around **60 silent auction** items, a **Lollipop Lotto** game and **wine pull**. Dinner will be lemon rosemary chicken, spinach salad, garlic mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts wrapped in pancetta and cheesecake for dessert.



For entertainment we will have musical theater and opera singer, **Maegan McConnell**, singing songs from "The Wizard of Oz", "Wicked", and "The Wiz". We will then have our **50/50 raffle**, **live auction**, and **'fund an item'** to raise money for new playground equipment. Tickets are \$40 each and will be available for purchase after Church on Sundays through March 3rd or you can contact the preschool office at (562) 594-6117 or info@clplb.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 8th.



Also in March, we will have fun with the children's imaginations while we celebrate **St. Patrick's Day**. Then, the last two weeks we will have parent teacher conferences as we prepare for Registration which will be the first week of April.

Wishing you a beautiful Spring!
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, March 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 March 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 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 March 26th.

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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, March 11th 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 March meeting is Saturday the 9th.**

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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.

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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, Jacob Baker, Ralph Bender, Lois Brown, CJ Buckner, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara Caldwell, Dawnie Campbell, Raul Cerda, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Gail Delanty, Jim Edwards, Jan Esser, 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, Heather Skipworth, Jack 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.



- 3/1 Shaun Murray*
- 3/2 Sara Benoit*
- 3/2 Derek Johnson*
- 3/3 Angie Freligh*
- 3/3 Doug Holdhusen*
- 3/5 Frances Willms*
- 3/8 Courtney Cover*
- 3/11 Jameson Stamer*
- 3/12 Chris Caldwell*
- 3/12 Jack Rollins*
- 3/14 Brian Trost*
- 3/15 Samuel Brown*
- 3/16 Steve Howard*
- 3/19 Josh Freligh*
- 3/21 Linda Gawthorne*
- 3/22 Lynn Benner*
- 3/22 Ken Petrбок*
- 3/27 Ian Fitzpatrick*
- 3/27 Stefan Joseph*
- 3/28 Garrett McGee*
- 3/30 Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos*
- 3/30 Pat Nell*

Christ Lutheran Preschool

Presents:

“An Emerald Evening”



Annual Auction

Friday, March 15, 2019 6-9:30pm

The Grand Event Center

4101 East Willow Street, Long Beach

(Adults only please)

Silent Auction 6-7:30pm, Dinner and entertainment 7:30-8:30,
Live Auction 8:30-9:15, Raffle at conclusion of event. Cash Bar Available.

For questions, please contact Lisa Clinton at (562) 594-6117 or info@clplb.com

Admission \$40 (\$50 after March 8th)

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will not attend, but support CLP with a donation of \$50_ \$75_ \$100_ Other_____