



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Plans...it seems our lives are filled with plans. What are your plans? How do your plans show your faith in God and God's promises?

As a congregation, plans are underway for our Women's/Mother's Day celebration, our congregation's quarterly meeting, Long Beach Pride Fest and Synod Assembly at the end of the month.

At our Congregation meeting, we will affirm the willingness of Stephanie Murray, Ingrid Fulleman-Ramos, and Ron Nelson to serve as our congregation's voting members to Synod Assembly. It's a very big deal year in the life of the synod. We will be electing a new Bishop. Bishop Guy Erwin has agreed to run again, so though this isn't a shoe-in; it's pretty likely that he will be re-elected to serve our Synod for six more years. What you do need to know is that I have been asked by several people to run as well. While it was not a part of the plans, I made for myself; I have agreed to do so. I ran six years ago and was out in the first ballot and I'm expecting similar results this time. I do want you to be pre-warned should the vote go far differently than I expect it will.

I love serving here! I love you! We have much work to do together – especially now that the planned solar panels are on the roofs of our buildings, and we are getting needed, but un-planned for this year, new flat roofs on the sanctuary building.

I'm excited that the 10 Year Funding Committee is ready to give a preliminary report at this congregation meeting regarding moving forward with the planned work that must be done on our campus.

The Search Committee is at work as well to find a new Youth and Family Ministry person as the Swagler's are in their last weeks with us. Please pray for DJ Trujillo, Arielle Joubert-Honacki, Shannon Timney and I as we move forward with this important position here at CLC.

We will also begin to talk about how and why we do our budget process as we do. No decisions will be made, just conversation and an ingathering of our collective history. I look forward to this conversation!

Our plans, for God's ultimate plan, that we continue to bring the Good News of Jesus to our world!

Pastor Pam



Christ is risen!

It is a time to be grateful!

I am so grateful for what Jesus went through for all of us. I am so grateful for family and friends. I am so grateful for my health and well-being. I am so grateful for my church family. I am so grateful for the time and dedication my music team put in this season; everything was wonderful! I am so grateful for our wonderful Pastor and our wonderful staff for making my job so much easier! Finally, I am so grateful for a loving congregation and all your kind words of support and encouragement this season; in addition, thank you everyone who came out on Holy Saturday to spruce the church up for Easter. I am so grateful!

Thank you!

Youth Music News!!!!

Musicmakers meet on Tuesday morning at 11:00. They will be singing in church on Pre-School Sunday, June 2nd. They also will be singing and playing on their graduation day, June 19th at 10:30. These kids are enthusiastic and I hope many will continue on in Kaleidoscope next year.

Kaleidoscope is on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:15. **Kaleidoscope has combined to make one group of 8-10 wonderful children.** We have a website: <http://brimad.com/Kaleidoscope/Welcome.html>

Youth Band is now an outreach program, with 10 new kids joining from the Long Beach and Lakewood areas. Anyone from Christ Lutheran who wants to join this group will need to understand that this is no longer a Christ Lutheran Youth Band (since we could not successfully recruit anyone from our home church). Our new members are a combination of kids from several other church youth groups, as well as some local kids with no religious affiliations. If all goes well, they will have a Bar-B-Que Rock Concert later this summer here at Christ Lutheran. For more information, see Brian.

The Music Teams are prepping for their final 6 weeks of the music season, concluding with Pentecost Sunday. The Hand Bell Choir will be having a fund-raiser concert on Sunday, June 2nd at 3:00. Reception to follow. The Praise Team will take over for the summer church season. Thank you music team for your time, talents, and dedication.

Worship Report: Nothing new to report other than please consider helping out on Altar Guild and please check the flowers chart and consider filling in any empty weeks so we always have fresh flowers on Sundays. Also, we spent time cleaning, organizing, and throwing away a bunch of items no longer needed and/or in disrepair. Please notify staff before re-locating items. We find that after we clear a space something else magically appears there within weeks.

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



“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.” Acts 4:33. Christ is risen indeed! Now that we have the “Alleluia’s” back and the promise of resurrection after death, what is next? How is God calling and working in you?

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Easter pancake breakfast a success! We raised over \$500 towards youth ministry! Be on the lookout for a service project soon!



YOU'RE INVITED!

It seems a little impossible that our days with the CLC family are coming to a quick end. Justin and I would like to invite everyone over to our house for an open house on **Saturday, June 8, from 4:30 – 7:00p.m.** Come by and stay for as long as you would like! We will have food but if you would like to bring a dish to share, that would be welcomed!

It’s not too late! SoCal Lutherans will be handing out temporary tattoos and free hugs/encouragement at the LB Pride festival on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19! To volunteer, please go to <https://www.socallutherans.com/pride-info> or email Sarah at sarah.swagler@gmail.com! I will be volunteering both days from 11a.m. – 2p.m.!





Preschool News

In April we celebrated Week of the Young Child. We had fun activities each day to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us. The courtyard had displays of children's artwork and documentation boards showing how children learn through play.

Monday we had a **Pajama day** with a parent appreciation pancake breakfast.

Charlie from Ave 3 Pizza and his wife Celeste came and cooked for us. The kids had fun building forts in the social hall and reading in the forts with flashlights.

Tuesday was **Art Day** and we did footprint painting, finger painting, sand art, and class murals.

Wednesday was Science day and we did Mentos & Diet Coke experiment, rainbow fizz, ice sculptures, Jell-O color mixing and more.

Thursday was **Sports day** with t-ball, basketball, soccer, and golf.

Friday was Rainbow day because their future is bright. We had scavenger hunts in the morning and they brought a stuffed animal and we had a picnic on the yard for lunch.

The week after Week of the Young Child, we celebrated **Easter**. On Friday, April 19 we had an Easter egg hunt on the yard and then the children enjoyed a picnic lunch with their families.

The first week of May we will have **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We will be closed on Friday, May 3rd for a staff development day. May 9 & 10, we will have **Elks Vision screening** come in to check the children's eyes. On May 10th we will celebrate the blessing of mothers with **Moms and Muffins** in the courtyard at drop off time.

Blessings for 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, May 9th, 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. Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093.

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Bible 101-Basic Theology 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 May 28th.

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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, May 13^h 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



SONS OF NORWAY

Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. The May meeting is Saturday the 11th.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:30 – 8pm. We gather to knit and crochet prayer shawls for distribution to those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need. Patterns are available!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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

Family & Friends: Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, Lois Brown, CJ Buckner, Daisy Burkard, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Dawnie Campbell, Raul Cerda, Susan Clark, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Avery Detwiler & family, Veronica DeRossi, Jim Edwards, Jan Esser, Ana Forrester, Alberta Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Rev. Joe Johnson, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Heather & Kathy Lund, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Lyn Schrenk, Mark Shreckengast, Heather Skipworth, Anna Watt-Morse, Jenny & Steve West, 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.



May 7 Kristina and Rob Randig

May 19 Carol and Ed Goller

May 21 Renu and Marv Moon



5/1 Karol Lemerond

5/2 Rob McGee

5/4 Alex Alfonso

5/5 Tyler Cover

5/6 Jesse Knight

5/8 Katelyn Ramos

5/9 Carina Colvin

5/10 Jessica Stamer

5/11 Ron Nelson

5/12 Chris Hunter

5/16 Carol Price

5/18 Rich Oelschlaeger

5/21 Olivia Petrbook

5/23 Elisabeth Jenkins

5/23 Karin Lee

5/24 Lauren Martin

5/26 Joaquin Alfonso

5/27 Ivan Brown

5/31 Scott Moon

Search me O God, and know my heart, test me and know my concerns.

(Psalm 139:23)

Hey, let's go

SOUL SURFING

Join us as we “dive beneath the surface” to explore the various myths and misconceptions of addiction and uncover the “buried treasure” within each of us that makes us vibrant and valuable!

Saturday, June 15, 2019 @ 7pm-9pm

**Faith Hall
First Lutheran Church
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Presented by

Pastor Dan Gibson, Primary Counselor
Thelma McMillen Center, Torrance, CA.

Co-Chair of the ELCA Southwest California Synod's
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Free Admission! All are Welcome! RSVP: dwgibson61@gmail.com

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