



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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June is bustin' out all over!

As I write this newsletter article in my office, there is a flurry of activity here! The internet company, Jace Computers' technician, Jarrett, is connecting the last of our Wi-Fi hubs. This means that very soon we will be able to live stream our services! Exciting changes. And, our telecommunications company, Best Communications, and the owner, Gary and his tech, Glen are busy dropping the last wires to get ready for our new telephone system which is going to be VOIP (voice over internet protocol) and Cloud based! What a world we live in! I hope all is ready for us by the end of the month.

Soon, the solar panels will be up and running. They are making progress each Saturday morning as more and more panels go up on our U-shaped building. We hope that by the end of June, we will be hooked up and running!

We are happy that the switch box (which was a concern) is now off the plate; the electrician has and can get parts! But...the main power line will be replaced soon because it is an issue. Copper and aluminum lines don't like each other very much – and if that line fails, we have no power. Period. This, too, will hopefully be done by the end of June!

Linda Gawthorne will be with us on June 2. I know I cannot wait to hear the update of her work with the Kogi people in Columbia. Also, June 2 is Preschool Sunday! We can spend the day celebrating our fabulous preschool, the staff and students who make our campus a joy-filled place to be! Our hand bell concert will be at 3pm with refreshments to follow.

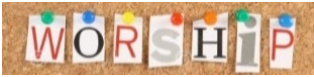
Pentecost is – June 9! Wear "fire" colors – red, orange, yellow. June 9 is also Grad Sunday – where we will be celebrating our high school and college graduates. June 9 is also Confirmation Sunday! Garrett McGee will be confirmed.

June 16 is Father's Day and Swagler Sunday. We celebrate the Men in our congregation and say good-bye to Justin, Sarah, Grant, Caleb and Frances Swagler – who have been part of us these past two years. We want to wish them Godspeed as they move to London.

We will finish up the *World's Great Religions* series by the end of this month. I hope you can spend some time with Huston Smith and Bill Moyers – via DVD!

+ Blessings+

Pastor Pam



Greetings!

As we wind down another music season here at CL, I look back and smile when I think of the time, talents, and efforts my wonderful music team and staff put forth this year. I am blessed; we are blessed!...and truly grateful. Between Kaleidoscope and the CL Outreach Band, we now have over 20 non-Christ Lutheran children on campus each week making this first year of my Music Outreach vision a success. Please keep this program constantly in your prayers. Our Children are our future!

Youth Music News!!!!

Musicmakers are finishing up another year. 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 finishing up another year of fun and music studies. These children this year were enthusiastic and a pleasure to work with each week. I hope to see a bunch of them at VBS, as well as in September when we start back up again. Thank you for your love and support in making this a very successful program.

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

CL Outreach Band is now an outreach program, with 10 new kids joining from the Long Beach and Lakewood areas. So far, so good. The kids are enthusiastic and are very eager to learn and very appreciative of this opportunity to learn and rehearse together in a safe, fun, and loving atmosphere. 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 winding down 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 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. Also, we spent time cleaning, organizing, and throwing away a bunch of items no longer needed and/or in dis-repair. 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



“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

It seems impossible to me that I sit here, writing my last newsletter entry. I have never been good at “goodbyes.” I am the type of person who says “I really should get going” 20 minutes before I actually do have to leave because I know that my “see you later’s” will take that long. I promise, though, that I will not keep you for 20 minutes.

“Thank you” seems so insufficient to fully express my gratitude for all you have taught me these past two years. I am unsure that I can ever truly find the words to do so. And, yet, “thank you” is all I can come up with at this time. When Justin posed that we would be going to California, the first thing I did was Google “Reconciling in Christ/ELCA Church”. Christ Lutheran Church was one of the first that popped up. Given that there was also a preschool and a thriving youth program, I knew that CLC was going to be a good fit for us. A “good” fit? *An amazing fit.* A fit that only the Holy Spirit can truly be responsible for. We found our home while we were here. And leaving our home on June 20 will be incredibly difficult.

Thank you for being our home and our family. May God continue to hold you and keep you safely wrapped in peace and love. Amen.

Sarah, Justin, Grant, Frances and Caleb



Preschool News



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May 1st our Room 5 students took a fieldtrip to Ave 3 Pizza to tour the kitchen and make their own pizzas.

On Friday, May 3rd, the preschool was closed for a staff development day. The Church staff joined us in renewing our CPR and First Aid certifications.



We had free Elks Vision Screenings on May 9th & 10th for ages 3 and up. This is a great program that is able to catch many vision issues early on so they are easier to correct.

On May 10th, we had a great turn out for Moms and Muffins. Moms and their children enjoyed breakfast and fun activities that included hopscotch, dancing, making gem bubbles, magnets, and chasing



In June we will celebrate the blessing of dads with Dads and Donuts on **Friday, 6/7**. We will have breakfast and activities for the Dads to do with their child at drop off.

Our school year will come to an end on **Wed, 6/19/19**. We will honor our Room 5 friends that are going to Kindergarten with a special graduation ceremony just for them at **10:30am in the Sanctuary**. Then we will celebrate everyone at our **End of Year Program in the Social Hall at 11:30am**. We will have cake on the yard and school will close at **12:30pm**.

We will be closed for staff work days on **Thurs 6/20 & Fri 6/21** to prepare for our summer session which will start on **Mon 6/24**. Our theme for summer will be **"Imagine It"**. Our weekly themes will include: Beach, Space, Super Stars, Once Upon A Time, Animals, Restaurants, and Community Helpers. We will once again participate in Vacation Bible School with the Church the week of July 8th.

*Sincerely,
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, June 13th, at 12:30pm in the conference room** each person who attends is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. For example, a couple would provide 2 dishes. 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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Men's Bible Study is taking a break for the summer. Watch this newsletter and the Sunday bulletin for a return date.

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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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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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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 June meeting is Saturday the 8th.

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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 June 25th.

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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, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Beverly Koenen, Bary & Janice Schlieder and Lonnie Timney.

Family & Friends: Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, Lois Brown, Daisy Burkard, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Dawnie Campbell, Susan Clark, Lisa Clinton, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Avery Detwiler & family, Veronica DeRossi, Jim Edwards, Jan Esser, David Feldman, Ana Forrester, Alberta Gray, Bobbi Guzman, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Rev. George Johnson, Amy Jordan, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Barb & Jim Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Heather Lund, Barbara & Scott McKinney, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Jerry Pettitt, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Lucille Raymond, Mark Shreckengast, Lyn Schrenk, Kyle Senior, Heather Skipworth, Bill Smith, Anna Watt-Morse, Tristan Weisel, Jenny & Steve West, Linda Willey 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.

- June 12 Sue and Roger Bredenkamp*
- June 12 Jenn and Scott Ostergren*
- June 15 Angie and Mike Freligh*
- June 21 Sarah and Justin Swagler*
- June 23 Linda and Sergio Peralta*
- June 25 Donna and max Johnson*
- June 25 Chris and Rick Panos*



- 6/1 Mia Colvin*
- 6/3 Maggie Fitzpatrick*
- 6/4 Kristina Randig*
- 6/4 Kit Snider*
- 6/4 Caleb Swagler*
- 6/4 Frances Swagler*
- 6/7 Joy Bright*
- 6/8 Kim Croes*
- 6/10 Roger Halvorson*
- 6/16 Kai Zumaya Flournoy*
- 6/17 Kris Alfonso*
- 6/17 Parker Treat*
- 6/20 Lowell Benner*
- 6/22 Faith Timney*
- 6/25 Cathy Westwood*
- 6/27 Rob McGee*
- 6/58 Teresa Lowther*
- 6/29 Casey Burkard*
- 6/30 Laura Innes*

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Our dues are just \$2.00 per week; with a once a year fee of \$34.00. We don't sell anything but good health and happiness.
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6500 Stearns St.
Long Beach 90815

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Want more info? Call Mona at 562-439-2264