



**Pastor Pam's Pennings**

**August 2019  
Volume 63, Issue 8**

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.  
Proverbs 22.6*

As summer winds down and the school year begins this month, it is important for us to consider what we do for our Christian education here at Christ Lutheran.

### **Sunday School for children:**

Chantal and Arielle Joubert-Honacki have faithfully served as our pull-out Sunday School teachers for the last two years. THANK YOU!!! They have been wonderful for the youngsters in our congregation as they learn and play and have a great time. They have asked to be back in worship, which is only right and so we need new Sunday School teachers for the fall. If we get enough people, we could work a rotation so no one has to be out of worship every Sunday. Please be in prayer about this! We need you! Pull-out Sunday School begins on September 22.

### **Sunday Education for youth/adults:**

Most Sundays after worship, we have Sunday Education. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your faith, our life as people of God in the world, and the Bible itself. This class meets in the Conference Room and is open to all Middle School through Senior Adults. We are going to start our Sunday Education on September 22 with a special speaker, Yedda Kane, who is a Holocaust survivor. Because of the expected number of people who will attend this event, we will have Yedda's talk in the Sanctuary where the seats are comfortable and the acoustics are good!

### **Confirmation:**

Confirmation will begin on September 4 with Orientation for all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents. This meeting will take place in the Conference Room at 7pm. Normally, confirmation is on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30pm. We finish by 6:30pm so families can eat together (should they choose), homework and get to bed at a reasonable time. We are focusing on the New Testament this year. It should be fun!!!

### **Bible Studies:**

The Men's Bible study meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. They are currently studying the Book of Acts. It usually meets in Brian's office.

Wednesday Bible study meets at 9:45am in the Conference Room. They study the upcoming lessons for the week.

**Bible 101** – Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:15pm. We study various topics and read theological books together. This group meets in the Conference Room

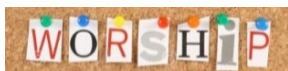
### Something new?

There's always room for something new at CLC!!! The Outreach Team is thinking of reading a "CLC Book of the Month" and then using various means to discuss this book. What a great idea! I hope this gets started in September.

Education is an essential part of Christian growth and development – no matter what our age, or stage in life. Being done with Christian Education at Confirmation is like saying you are ready to face life at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade! Maybe you were, but I sure was not!

What can be better than coming together and talking about our faith with people who love us?  
+Blessings+

*Pastor Pam*



### Greetings!

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. VBS was a blast! The kids really seemed to enjoy themselves...as did we all! I have very little to report for July was a very quiet month around here.

### Youth Music News!!!!

**Kaleidoscope** will start back up in the Fall. There will be changes in the enrollment policy this Fall. The age requirement will now be 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Kindergarten age children will be accepted if they attended Musicmakers here at Christ Lutheran and/or show they have already had some introduction to music rudiments; however, if we have enough 4 years to kindergarten kids interested, I will do an evening Music Makers.

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

**CL Outreach Band** is taking a break until late August as we refresh ourselves for the fall. The kids are preparing for a concert in the fall (the summer concert was cancelled due to prior commitments and travel schedules).

**The Music Teams** are resting this summer after a year of hard work and wonderful music. I would like to do a Handbell Workshop towards the end of summer, so anyone interested please contact me at any time.

**Worship Report:** I need to replace our A/V screen in the sanctuary due to oil separation on the screen; it is un-fixable and was caused by a higher than normal summer of humidity last year. Also, we will need to address some normal maintenance items on the Organ (as well as fixing the low C pedal) soon.

Once again, thank you for your time, talents, and treasures...as well as your love and support.



## Preschool News



**Our summer session began on Monday, June 24 and our theme is, "Imagine It".**

**Each week we have been exploring different**

**themes including beach, space, fairytales, community helpers,**

**animals, and restaurants. We kicked off the**

**summer with a family bonfire at Bolsa Chica**

**Beach on June 27. There was a great turn out**

**and everyone had a lot of fun. We also**

**participated in the Church Vacation Bible School**

**July 8-12. There was a great turnout of**

**preschool families for the BBQ and Program.**



**Throughout the summer Special Guests include: A lifeguard, foam party, Police, Fire, Librarian, Whatever Little Pony Pictures & Rides, and an obstacle course/bounce house.**



**We had 10 new students start in summer and**

**are expecting another big group to start for our fall session. All of the classrooms are full with a waiting list for fall! We will have a new student orientation for these new friends in August. Having them**

**come for this hour to meet new friends and the teachers, tour the classrooms again, and play on the playground has been a great way of making the first day smooth and easy.**



**Our end of summer celebration will be on Friday, August 16 from 11:30am-12:30pm and we will close at 12:30pm. We will be closed the following week for our staff work week to get everything cleaned and prepped for fall. Our fall session will begin on Monday, August 26.**

**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, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

+++++



**Adult Bible Study** is taking a break until August 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

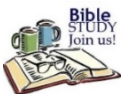
+++++

**Bible 101-Basic Theology** is taking a summer vacation until September. Take a walk on your summer Tuesday evenings and grab an ice cream cone instead.

+++++

**Men's Bible Study** is taking a break for the summer.

Watch this newsletter and the Sunday bulletin for a return date.



+++++



**Pray for Peace in the Middle East**  
Join Pastor Pam in the Sanctuary on the 24<sup>th</sup>

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.

+++++

The Sons of Norway meet in CLC's Social Hall



at noon on the second Saturday of each month beginning in September. Enjoy your summer and come to the meetings refreshed in the fall.

+++++

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will not meet at church during the summer months, but please continue to knit or crochet at home if you like.

+++++

Thanks so much for those of you who included me in your prayer concerns recently. I am so thankful that the eye surgery took care of the unexpected situation and my eyesight is back to normal. I feel grateful and blessed to have my Christ Lutheran prayer partners.....thank you.

Don Darnauer

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

### **Those struggling with illness or other concerns:**

BJ Anthony, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Lonnie Timney and Gary Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, Lois Brown, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Dawnie & Scott Campbell, Susan Clark, Mardelle Clayton, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Fernando de Gomez, Veronica DeRossi, Jim Edwards, Jan Esser, David Feldman, Ana Forrester, Alberta Gray, Bobbi Guzman, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Russ Hoxie, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Rev. George Johnson, Amy Jordan, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Tom Kelly, Barb & Jim Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Heather Lund, Barbara & Scott McKinney, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Jerry Pettitt, Joyce Pressler, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Lucille Raymond, Bill Schluemer, Lyn Schrenk, Kyle Christopher Senior, Heather Skipworth, Anna Watt-Morse, Tristan Weisel, Gerald Walker, Jenny & Steve West, Linda Willey.

### **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 & Collin White.



- 8/2 Shannon and Steve Howard**
- 8/6 Tracy and Gary Burkard**
- 8/6 Chantal and Roger Joubert-Honacki**
- 8/7 Robin and Dave Black**
- 8/9 Shannon and Matt Timney**
- 8/20 Sheryl and Chris Hunter**
- 8/22 Kristin and Alex Alfonso**



- 8/2 Eldre Larsen**
- 8/6 Aiden Jenkins**
- 8/9 Meaghan Randig**
- 8/9 Grant Swagler**
- 8/9 Shannon Timney**
- 8/14 Scott Ostergren**
- 8/15 Bryce Bonilla-Haenn**
- 8/15 Elise Joubert-Honacki**
- 8/16 Tracy Burkard**
- 8/16 Ione Marchael**
- 8/18 Gale Musselman**
- 8/23 Kristi Eagle Horse**
- 8/24 Brad Croes**
- 8/24 Ben Koch**
- 8/25 Don Westerhoff**
- 8/26 Gary Burkard**
- 8/29 Sean Cover**
- 8/31 Brandon Nieves**

## *Meet Natalie Loepke, Christ Lutheran's Winter Intern*



*My name is Natalie Loepke; I am a 21-year-old student of religious pedagogy from Berlin, Germany. I live in the very south of the city in a charming basement together with my boyfriend Florian. I am looking forward to doing an internship at the Christ Lutheran church from December 2019 to March 2020!*

*I grew up in a small town called Eberswalde (which means pig forest in English), it is located in the north-east of Berlin. I began to attend church in primary school, when there was a volunteer subject of religious education which was taught by a nun. In grade four, this subject ended and I started to attend Christenlehre« which is also religious education, but it takes place in the congregation once a week. I met new friends there and we learned a lot about the world that Jesus probably lived in. At about three weekends per year, different groups of »Christenlehre« attended a weekend course together.*

*In grade seven (when we change to the second school in Germany, probably comparable to middle school), the confirmation course began. I met new, very good friends there and we had amazing two years together. We learned about the bible and talked about the meaning of it today and also discussed our own beliefs.*

*After my confirmation, I voluntarily worked a lot in the congregation; I helped at weekend courses and started a band with my friends in the congregation. We played a lot in worships on Sundays and also at small festivals in our town.*

*I finished Abitur (school examination taken at the end of the 12th year and approximately equivalent to the American High School Diploma) in 2016 and started my volunteer year the same year. I worked in a primary school in Berlin and did a lot of group games with classes. I also helped the children who did not do well in class and needed extra help for some subjects. I loved this job most of the time because I noticed how over time, the children got so much better! Sometimes some students did not like to work with me and were angry.*

*I started my studies in October 2017 and will be in my fifth semester during the internship. Before my internship in Long Beach, I will also do an internship at a primary school for three months. During that, I will teach classes in religious education because our studies also train us to be a teacher. But I think I would rather work in a congregation someday than in a school.*

*Music is still my greatest hobby, I love to sing and I also play the flute, piano and the guitar. I sometimes make YouTube videos of funny things I do with my best friend Marlena. When the weather is good, I often roller-skate in the streets of Berlin together with some friends (I heard Los Angeles is a paradise for roller skaters). Furthermore, I love crafting, photography and creating photo albums! I am quite into embroidery and aquarelle painting. My favorite subject in university is philosophy; it makes me think about life a lot and makes me question everything.*

*Another big hobby of mine is of course learning English: it started when I first listened to the Beatles and absolutely wanted to understand everything that they sang about. So, I put my heart and soul in learning this language as perfect as I could! (I think it worked out pretty well.)*

*During the internship, I hope to learn a lot of new things about the church and congregations in the US. I also want to keep making music and hope to find some people to sing together or even start a band together! The focus of the internship is working with children and youth, and I am looking forward to do some projects in the congregation!*

*I am so lucky to be in such an amazing location in the US where I always wanted to be and work with people in terms of content. I cannot wait to get to know your church!*