



*Let him make haste, let him speed his work that we may see it...Isaiah 5:19*

This is how I'm feeling today. I need to speed my work – so much to do and I'm feeling the time crunch of less and less time to do it in! I have a LOT to do – at home, at work, and in my own spiritual life!

**At home...**our son, Aaron is getting married on October 27, his 37<sup>th</sup> birthday in Corpus Christi, Texas! It's pretty exciting and yet – I have a SLEW of Halloween costumes to make before this day as well as Aaron's wedding vest and Brianna's (the bride-to-be) wedding shawl. Yes, it's a Hallowedding! Everyone is invited to come in costume – complete with *Dia de Los Muertos* face painting! Plus, as the officiant, I'm putting the marriage service together and making sure all of the details are ready for the special day.

**At work...**the program year is in full swing. So many moving parts and so much excitement is going into all of the programs we have going! Thank you everyone who is doing, or has done their part in attending, hosting, and planning the work of our congregation's programs. It's exciting to see how the Outreach Team is getting small groups up and going again. We are entering a new phase of the capital campaign, so please be open to serving as a part of this much-needed team as we try to implement the findings of the 10 Year Planning Committee.

**My own spiritual life...**I'm so happy to be back on my yoga mat! I finally figured out that one of the barriers in our home was that I had to move furniture in my living room to lay out my mat to do yoga. So, I didn't do it. Then, it hit me (duh!) and I moved my computer, external DVD drive, and mat into the second bedroom and *voila!* problem solved. I have found for my own spiritual life I need breath, movement, and concentration; I have found this balance on my mat.

As I think about the fact that six years ago we entered the sacred covenantal relationship of Pastor and People, I thank God every day that we have been brought together...in this time, in this place, for God's work to be accomplished through us.

I've said it before, and I don't believe I'll ever tire of saying it, **I am so very proud of you!** Your generosity – in time and talent and treasure – is something to behold! Every day I thank God that we are together doing ministry!

+Blessings+ *Pastor Pam*



Greetings!

Reason #217 why God loves me and protects: I remember the fall of 1978, a young kid, out at night...on a school night with my other friends, cramming in the back of a stranger's van as he takes us from neighborhood to neighborhood selling newspaper subscriptions. I remember it being dark, but still early (5:30ish with daylight saving time already switched). I remember the smells of each neighborhood preparing dinner. I fondly remember the Dodgers on the radio playing the Yankees in the World Series (which may happen again 40 years later) and me trying to finish up my quota for the evening so I could rush home to watch the game. Imagine that happening to a kid in 2019? Other than that, I will save next year's article for reasons #111-146 all relating to what a child should not be doing on Halloween night!

Don't forget to bring your animals to be blessed on the 6<sup>th</sup> and join us for Reformation Sunday on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have awesome music and beer and brats. On Halloween morning, the 31<sup>st</sup> @11:00, we will have our annual Trunk O' Treat in the church parking lot for the Pre-school children. Decorate that trunk and fill it with goodies and join us.

### Youth Music News!!!!

**Kaleidoscope** will start back up when I get enough **new** K Kids to start a new class. I have three **returning second year** K Kids who will start a guitar class when we can agree on a day and time.

**Music Makers** has started back up and is already learning basic rudiments. We meet in the Social Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

**CL Outreach Band** is rehearsing in smaller sectionals each week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Anyone interested and has experience playing an instrument and/or singing, please contact Brian. There are no openings for beginners at this time.

**The Music Teams** are back up and running. Please consider joining us in one or both groups this season. It is a fun night of music and fellowship.

**Worship Report:** Our LED lights in the sanctuary are flickering when turned off. Until we can fix this problem, the lights are turned off at the breaker (please notify staff if you need to use the Sanctuary so we can turn back on the breaker). Once the breaker is turned back on, you still need to turn on and off the lights in the normal spot in the back wall of the sanctuary. As always, please leave up the white tables up in the social hall. All the other groups use them on a daily basis and they need to be up on Tuesday mornings for the quilters.

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

*Your Humble Music Director,  
Brian*



## Preschool News

Our fall session began on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and we are off to a smooth start. We had Back to School night on

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and got to know some of our new families a little better. Also, our teachers were installed and received a blessing at Church on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Now as we move in to October, we will have our school picture days on **October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**.



We will be closed on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for a staff development day. Our staff will be going to Newport Beach for a conference on STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) with guest speaker Sharron Krull.



We will end the month with our **Harvest Fest and Trunk-or-Treating** celebration on **Halloween, Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup>**. The children love dressing up and going trunk to trunk to get treats and then playing all of the special games on the yard. It is always amazing to see our parents' creativity shine in the way they decorate their trunks! If you would like to decorate the trunk of your car and pass out treats to the kids, you are welcome to come! The cars need to be set up by 11:00am and have enough treats for 70 children.

**Blessings for a beautiful fall!**

**Lisa Clinton**

### Holy Land Trip

Have you ever wanted to walk the paths that Jesus took? Have you wondered what it would be like to float on the Sea of Galilee, and to see the cities of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem or Jericho? Would you like to go soon?

Pastor Pam is hosting a trip from April 17 - 27 (with an add-on extension to Petra, Jordan going through April 30). An initial meeting will be held in the Social Hall on October 13 which will include a Power-Point presentation that includes costs as we know them today. See attached itinerary.

**OWLs in the Nest** This regular fellowship time is an opportunity to enjoy a potluck meal and conversation. **Make sure to be at the next meeting on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30pm in the conference room when our guest presenter is Chris Panos' father, Norm Rasmussen. Norm will be talking about wills and trusts.** You don't have to be an OWL to attend; everyone is welcome. Please RSVP so that we have enough of the main dish for everyone. 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** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 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. Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093. **October meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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**Bible 101-Basic Theology** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm. We will be reading the book, *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan and discuss it together. All are welcome on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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**Men's Bible Study** Meets on Monday evenings. The **October meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup>.** Men of all ages are welcome at 7:15pm.



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**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.



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 **The Sons of Norway** meet in CLC's Social Hall at noon on the second Saturday of each month. This month's meeting is on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Please join us on the **28<sup>th</sup> of October.** No experience necessary; we will teach you.

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## **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, Gary and Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, Anjella Booth, Daisy Burkard, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Dawnie & Scott Campbell, Veronica DeRossi, David Feldman, Alberta Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Russ Hoxie, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Rev. George Johnson, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Tom Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Heather Lund, Karen Mills, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Joyce Pressler, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Heather Skipworth, Liz Stark, Jim Strader, Cheryl Toretsky, the Titus family, Anna Watt-Morse, Tristan Weisel, 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.



- 10/1** *Kristine and Andy Trost*
- 10/3** *Teresa and Greg Lowther*
- 10/12** *Annette and Jeff Rodrigues*
- 10/14** *Sara and Sean Benoit*
- 10/27** *Chris & Kathy Klute-Nelson*



- 10/2** *Lucas Hood*
- 10/6** *Justin Swagler*
- 10/8** *Lauren Trost*
- 10/11** *Chris Nelson*
- 10/13** *Aina Bornemann*
- 10/18** *Seth Elliott*
- 10/18** *Lonnie Timney*
- 10/20** *Sheryl Hunter*
- 10/24** *Wanda Cleland*
- 10/30** *Grant Green*
- 10/31** *Roger Bredenkamp*
- 10/31** *Zach Petrbook*



## Stephen Ministry: Christ serving people through people

Are you being called to serve in this way? You probably have questions, right? Of course, you can “Google it”, but better yet is reading this brief Q & A and then talking with a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister.

*Question: How much of my time will it really involve?*

**Answer:** There are 50 hours of training, which may include an on campus retreat. As a Stephen Minister you will visit about once a week (for about one hour) with the person you are caring for. You will also attend two meetings per month for supervision and continuing education.

*Question: Will my phone be ringing constantly?*

**Answer:** No. You will care for one care receiver at a time. If the care receiver were to begin calling too often, you will learn to respond to too many phone calls or excessive demands in a loving, assertive manner. It probably won't arise, though.

*Question: Will our pastor still help and counsel people?*

**Answer:** Most definitely! Stephen Ministers complement the pastor's ministry and provide even more care to those who need it.

*Question: What if I get in over my head, with people who need more care than I can provide?*

**Answer:** First of all, you will never be knowingly assigned to people who might be in those situations. The Stephen Ministry training also helps you to know exactly when and how to help your care receiver get professional help

when necessary. The Supervision Group, the Stephen Leader, and the pastor are also there to help you make such decisions.

*Question: How will I personally benefit from this experience?*

**Answer:** You will learn many skills that will be valuable in your personal life as well as in your Stephen Ministry. Also, the satisfaction of helping another person is a wonderful blessing.

*Question: Who will be the care receivers?*

**Answer:** Members of this congregation who are experiencing times of special need and other people within our community who may turn to us for help. Thus, Stephen Ministry is also a way to reach out to others as well as to our own members.

*Question: Will the care receiver really want my care?*

**Answer:** Yes. The pastor or Stephen Leader will meet first with the care receiver. Only after the care receiver understands Stephen Ministry and has agreed to meet with a Stephen Minister will you be contacted.

*Question: Are other people as scared as I seem to be about this undertaking?*

**Answer:** Probably so! But the training will eliminate much of this fear because you will not only learn what to say but also, and more importantly, how to listen.

*Question: How do I apply?*

**Answer:** Fill out the application form (Ask Pastor Pam or Chris Panos for one). You will then have an opportunity to meet with them to ask any questions and make your final decision.