



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

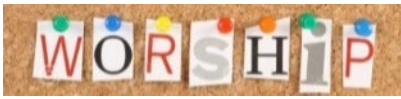
The busy season has begun for us here at Christ Lutheran. So many things are starting up – Sunday Education, Sunday school, confirmation, and our music programs. We are busy!

In our Stephen Ministry supervision sessions, we are reading a book entitled *Second Forgetting: Remembering the Power of the Gospel during Alzheimer's Disease* written by Dr. Benjamin Mast. It has been very helpful for our Stephen Ministers and something that struck me that seems so pertinent for all people. Dr. Mast writes...

Today, everyone you talk with is busy. Whenever I ask people how they are doing, they tell me they're busy! We live in a mobile society, constantly on the go, often without a spare moment's peace. Is it any surprise that we are unable to consistently remember the why behind the frantic activities of our lives? What is life about? Who and what are we living for? In our busy, hurried lives, we forget to spend time in the presence of God. Even when we pause to remember, we do so in such a cursory fashion that it fails to penetrate our heart. We may remember God as a concept, but we fail to remember the goodness we've experienced in meeting with [God] as a loving, powerful, and caring person. In our stress-induced forgetting, we forfeit the peace God offers us.

These are powerful words! In this month of September, I invite you to make a place for you and God to spend time together.

Also, we are now seven months away from the trip to the Holy Land. It's time for a true accounting of people. If you are intending to go on this trip, scheduled to begin on Friday, April 17 (the Friday after Easter) lasting 10 days (with an optional 4 day extension to Petra in Jordan), please let me know. We need to solidify this number with our travel agency to ensure the best prices for everyone. The more, the merrier! We will be spending time in Tel Aviv, the Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, walking the very land that Jesus walked 2,000 years ago. As an amazing bonus, we will be in Jerusalem on Orthodox Easter! What a privilege! I can assure you that we will be safe as tourists in this holy place; and we will be very well cared for! I am so excited that Dave and I can share this experience with you! So text me 562.728.3340 or email me pjschallis@gmail.com to let me know that you are coming, or strongly thinking about coming, on this trip. +Blessings+ *Pastor Pam*



Greetings!

I never thought I would ever say this: I cannot wait for the fall season to start here at CLC so I can relax!

Yes, it has been busy around here this summer with all the solar installation, cabling, wiring, phone system upgrade, property repairs and improvements, sound system and A/V, et al. Now, it is time to enjoy everything. Thank you, Jesus!

Youth Music News!!!!

Kaleidoscope (K-Kids) will start back up on **September 17th @4:30**. The age requirement will now be 1st through 3rd 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 year to kindergarten kids interested, I will do an evening Music Makers. Fourth grade and above, along with two year K-Kid veterans, would be in a separate group when enough members are available.

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

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 starting back up. On Thursday, September 8th @5:45, we will be conducting a Handbell Workshop for potential new members. The Choir is also starting back up on the same night @7:00. Please consider joining us in one or both groups this season. It is a fun night of music and fellowship.

Worship Report: I will hold off replacing our A/V screen in the sanctuary until our new budget year begins in January. I am looking for our old invoices to see if our current system has any warranty issues and to get a new estimate (in addition to other companies). Also, we will need to address some normal maintenance items on the organ (as well as fixing the low C pedal) soon. I have combined the old sound system with the newer system. After a period of analysis, we will determine if we need to immediately upgrade our system or wait until the new budget year (both phases will be under \$5000).

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 "Imagine It!" summer session was lots of fun! Each week we explored different themes including beach, space, fairytales, community helpers, animals, and restaurants. Special Guests included: A lifeguard, foam party, Police, Fire, Doctor, Librarian, Musicians, a Princess, Whatever Little Pony Pictures & Rides, and bounce house. The children truly enjoyed all of the fun activities.

We had a new student orientation on Friday, August 9 from 3-4pm. We had about 12 out of our 17 new students come for orientation. We started off in the social hall for introductions, toured the school, and then went on the playground to play, meet the teachers, and enjoy some refreshments. Our end of summer celebration was on Friday, 8/16 from 11:30am-12:30pm. We closed 8/19-8/23 for our staff work week to get everything cleaned and prepped for fall. We had a lot of projects to complete leading up to the new school year, so we started with some of them the week prior. We painted Rooms 1 & 2, did touch up paint in the other classrooms, and had the ramp painted. We also did a lot of other repairs that were needed. The Church completed the new electrical wiring work, solar panel work and new phone system installation. It was a very productive work week!

Our 2019-2020 school year began on August 26th with completely full enrollment in all rooms with a waiting list. Our teachers will be installed on Sunday, 9/15. Our staffing for fall will be Mrs. Caston in Room 1, Ms. Yang & Ms. McFarland in Room 2, Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Skinner in Room 3, Ms. Laney in Room 4, Ms. Theriault in Room 5, Mrs. Leone in Room 6, Mrs. Palley for our Afternoon Teacher, Ms. Scott as our Floater, and Ms. Fitzpatrick as our opener/sub. We have also officially named Ms. Theriault as assistant Director. We will spend the month getting to know all of our new families and getting to know our current families even better. Back to School night will be Monday, 9/9 at 6:30pm.

We wish all of our graduates going on to Kindergarten success and look forward to welcoming our new and continuing students to another year of growing in God's Love at CLP.

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, September 12th, 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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Adult Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th 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. **Next meeting Sept. 11.**

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Bible 101-Basic Theology meets on the 4th 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 **September 24th.**

Men's Bible Study

will return on Monday, September 9, 2019. 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 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. This month's meeting is on Saturday, September 14.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Please join us on the 23rd of September. 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, Claudia Fitzpatrick, 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, Daisy Burkard, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Dawnie & Scott Campbell, Mardelle Clayton, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Fernando de Gomez, Veronica DeRossi, Jim Edwards, Jan Esser, David Feldman, Ana Forrester, Alberta Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Russ Hoxie, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Rev. George Johnson, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Tom Kelly, Barb & Jim Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Heather Lund, Sydne Marua, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Jerry Pettitt, Joyce Pressler, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Bill Schluemer, Heather Skipworth, Liz Stark, Cheryl Toretzky, 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 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 & Collin White

- 9/1 *Phyllis and Ron Kay*
- 9/10 *Kim and Frank Croes*
- 9/19 *Barbi and Don Darnauer*
- 9/27 *Laurel and Adam Elli*



- 9/2 *Linda Clark*
- 9/2 *Brandon Petrbock*
- 9/6 *Nicholas Jenkins*
- 9/7 *Chris Panos*
- 9/8 *Sue Bredenkamp*
- 9/8 *Eric Willms*
- 9/10 *Pastor Pam*
- 9/10 *Nathaniel Willms*
- 9/12 *Nathan Latiolait*
- 9/14 *Hannah Rodrigues*
- 9/18 *Don Darnauer*
- 9/18 *Donna Johnson*
- 9/18 *Emily Randig*
- 9/20 *Ashley Cover*
- 9/21 *Jonah Koch*
- 9/22 *Arielle Joubert-Honacki*
- 9/23 *Chantal Joubert-Honacki*
- 9/25 *Kameko Flournoy*
- 9/25 *Kathy Treat*
- 9/26 *Jax Johnson*
- 9/28 *Linda Peralta*
- 9/29 *Samantha McGee*
- 9/30 *Matthew Timney*

Small Groups

We will be beginning small groups in Fall 2019. These study groups will meet weekly in member homes, and allow for study, fellowship, prayer and praise. We will provide the study materials and leaders for these groups. If you want to get to know some of your church "family" in a more intimate setting you will love small groups! Please contact Lisa Murray if you would be willing to host and/or lead one of these groups or if you would like to attend one. More news to follow as we get things planned and finalized .



STRENGTH TO SERVE *-LIKE JESUS*

Serving others is one of the central themes of Jesus Ministry. We are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

How do we find the time and strength to serve? During this year's Men's Advance Rev. Marsha Harris will share her experience on serving others and facilitate discussion on how we can find the strength to serve.



Rev. Marsha Harris serves as Pastor and administrator of Central Lutheran Church in Van Nuys, working both with people experiencing homelessness and with housed people living in poverty. Her career didn't start there but rather in humble tasks of lay ministry. She served in a wide range of capacities during the nearly 30 years she working in City and Regional Planning, business development and management and non-profit and advocacy work before God called her to ordained study and work.

Pastor Marsha knows from experience: Strength comes from serving others so that they are raised up and empowered, and God is glorified.



What can YOU learn from this Weekend?

1. How to see Control as different from Strength.
2. What makes one humble while being strong.
3. How do we access the power that comes from the Holy Spirit to serve in both strength and humility, as Jesus did?

Join us as an for the entire weekend or if your schedule is tight join us for Saturday only

Cost-Weekend: 5 meals, 2 nights lodging: \$150

Saturday only: 3 meals and program: \$85

For More Information and **Registration**, Including Payment by PayPal or Check Online, visit www.mens-advance.org

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