



## Pastor Pam's Pennings

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*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.*

**Philippians 1:3-5**

As we enter the month of June I have great news for us...and some sad news as well. The great news is, thanks to the very hard work of Kristina Randig and Kim Croes, we received a PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan that covers most of our payroll expenses, the interest on our mortgage, and most of our utilities! This loan is for eight weeks, so May and June's expenses listed above are covered. What relief for us to try to recover from March's income losses. Whew!

And, our preschool received their PPP loan in the first distribution which happened in April. There will be news in upcoming days about when the preschool will open again.

The sad news is, as much as I was hoping and praying that we would be able to be open on Pentecost Sunday (May 31), that is not going to happen. As California rolls out its 4-Phase plan, congregations are at the bottom of Phase 3, for obvious reasons. Even if all goes well, the absolute earliest I would feel comfortable coming together for worship is in July. The Worship Committee has had a discussion about how we will come together, when we come together again. There are major changes for us in how we will worship as we do come back together. These changes are listed in the newsletter.

That said, we will not be having a congregation meeting in June. Per our constitution, we are required to have just 1 meeting a year – our annual meeting which is in January. At this meeting we adopt a budget and elect leaders for our community. In our By-Laws, we have stipulated two additional meetings in June and September that are not mandated by the ELCA. We are okay to skip these meetings, though obviously it is not preferred. Yet in these days, we must err on the side of caution.

To help to keep you informed, Dave Challis' **April** report to Council is also included in the newsletter. Thanks to your generosity, and the PPP loan (which is not in these statistics since it was deposited in May), as well as our reduced utility expenses, we are doing okay! THANK YOU, CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!!!!

Hopefully, you are able to watch our worship experiences on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranlb/> or on our YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCssfvulQ5CkZYu\\_A7e3XbIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCssfvulQ5CkZYu_A7e3XbIA). Both places are opportunities for you to participate in worship as we are apart from each other. AND, know that on the Friday e-blast from Mailchimp entitled *What's Happening This Week at CLC?* And on our website [www.christlutheranlb.com](http://www.christlutheranlb.com) you can find our worship folder so you can follow along. Plus, on both the E-blast and on the website, there is a new *Family Worship* Folder for each week as well. I'm sure many of you are missing the weekly word search, puzzles, and coloring opportunities that are in our regular bulletin. This *Family Worship* has that for your enjoyment.

Email me at [pjschallis@gmail.com](mailto:pjschallis@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to our Wednesday morning Bible study that happens at 9:45am. We are doing Bible study via Zoom – and the protocols have recently been updated for greater security. It's a bit more complicated to get in, just wait after you get logged in, and I'll get you into the meeting as soon as I click on you as you wait in the "waiting room." It's no longer an instant-join as it recently was. Zoom-bombers were hard at work, disrupting meetings with hate messages and obscenities before these protocols were in place!

Even so, I'm so very grateful that we are living in this day and age where we can gather electronically. I think often of those brave pastors who lived 100 years ago during the Spanish flu who didn't have the conveniences we have – even telephones weren't in every home!

Know that you are constantly in my prayers! I hope you are all staying safe and well and not too stir-crazy as we get through the Coronavirus pandemic.

+Blessings+

*Pastor Pam*



*Here is a re-print of last month's newsletter for those who missed it (with a few modifications):*

Hello my friends,

As I write this newsletter, it has been over two months since we all sat together in worship. Although you can still see me alongside Pastor each Sunday, we miss seeing you. I know this has been a difficult time for all of us; I only wish for the day when we are all back together again. When we are together again, it will not be the same due to restrictions and regulations we will all need to adhere to. When the time comes, and we know more, we will notify you all.

In the meanwhile, we will continue to try to improve our online worship experience. Since we have people all over the world watching us, Facebook Live seems to work better than YouTube (we now have a YouTube channel). With this format, we also can stream with the highest quality of sound and video possible. We apologize for some snafus: picture sideways, sound too loud or too soft, internet drop-outs, et al. It is a work in progress and some things are out of our control.

Now that it is quite apparent we will be worshipping online for yet another month or two, we are continually working on improving the overall worship experience: lighting, sound, video, music, format, content, et al.

We are also in the process of passing out hymnals during drive-thru Communion. If you do not have a hymnal at home, there will be one on the table after you receive drive-through Communion. This way, I can continue to schedule hymns each week.

*(UPDATE: We are currently out of devotional booklets; however Pastor is working on a daily devotional series that will be sent to you all via email soon...if not directly, it may be in the weekly eblast).* Now, I bet you are wondering what to expect moving forward!

Consider the following:

**For those of you new to the overall worship process:** Remember, on our church website homepage, click on the black "visitor info" button, and scroll down...on the right hand side, under "sign up for our newsletter," are a list of all of our "recent posts" which includes our weekly bulletins. So, you can download a bulletin to use along with your home hymnal, and you are ready to worship. **Worship?** Well, back on our church website homepage, if you scroll down to Pastor's message, you will see in the message a link to our Facebook page to watch the service live. **Your internet was acting up and you missed the service?** Well, on our Facebook page, on the left hand side you will see a column of options: Home, About, Photos, et al...click on "Posts" and scroll down until you find the worship service you missed...or want to watch again (now you can see how many Sundays last month I wore the same shirt...lol).

One final note: you can bypass everything illustrated above by reading your **eblast** on Friday. This eblast: **What's happening this week @CLC** contains the link to our Facebook page for worship; if you scroll down, it also contains a box that reads: **To download a copy of Sunday's worship, click this link...**this link is NOT another link to our streamed worship; it is a copy of our Sunday morning bulletin for you to follow along with us at home. If it does not open on your computer, go to your computer's "Downloads" folder to retrieve it. **No eblast!** Before calling us, check your SPAM folder to see if it is there; if not, send an email to the church office and we will see if your email address is correct. **What is an eblast?** Well, it is a short information page about our weekly church activities sent to your email inbox on Fridays.

What to expect each Sunday morning: At **9:30-10:00ish: Worship Service**. Some music format items to prepare for are as followed: 1) The **Pre Service Music/Gathering Song**—will mostly function as "signing on" music for those of you entering the live-stream; 2) The **Prelude**—will usually be special music done by Roger on Organ and/or myself and Pastor on Handbells, Piano, Guitar, et al; 3) The **Opening Hymn**—will usually be led by Roger on Organ so have your hymnals ready; 4) The **Post-Sermon Special Music**—will be led by me as a solo performance and/or special music singing (if you do not know the song, you can re-watch over again to learn for the future; otherwise, sing along at home); and 5) **Closing Song**—will either be a well-known song with the lyrics printed or out of the hymnal...so, have your hymnals ready! Then, from **10:30-11:30:Drive-thru Communion**. Please drive by with your masks on...we also have a table for your weekly offering, other items relating to the season, and hymnals for those who still need one. Finally, at **11:45: Pre-school Chapel Service**. We will be live-streaming our short but cute chapel service for our beloved young ones...as well as everyone else who is young at heart.

I know it sounds a little complicated, but it is the most efficient way for us to function at the moment. As restrictions lessen, our options will augment. We may even explore putting the live video stream on the home page of our website for those who are wandering around the internet looking for a church home...or some temporary spiritual guidance. But for now, our focus is on you: our family and congregation, and your spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

Thank you for all your wonderful kind words during this transitional process. We really appreciate it!

I'll see you (well, you'll at least see me) on Sunday.  
Brian Madigan



## Preschool News

The preschool remained closed through May. Since we could not celebrate our moms with our typical Moms & Muffins event, we provided ideas they could do at home with their children or things their children could do for them to celebrate. The staff continues to work from home doing virtual learning and zoom calls with our students and families.

We are planning to re-open on June 15th, going straight into our summer session which will end on August 21st. In order to follow CDC and Department of Social Services guidelines of maintaining stable groups of 10-12 per room, we will re-open for summer at a decreased capacity of about 35-40 students/day as opposed to our normal 65. The staff will start working on getting the campus prepped and ready starting June 1st.

We are not able to have our typical End of Year Program and Graduation Ceremony this year. In order to still honor our graduates, we will hold a "drive through" graduation celebration in the parking lot on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The families will park in the parking lot, spaced out and remain at their car. We will call each graduate up to have them walk through a balloon arch and present them with their diploma and Spark Bible gift from the Church.

Our theme for summer will be "Home Sweet Home". Our weekly themes will include: Welcome Back; a whole new world, Castle/Royal Invitation to the Kingdom, Stars & Stripes/All American, Mountains/Nature, Island/Jungle, Countryside/Farm, Ocean/Pirate Adventure, Arctic/Eskimo life is "Snow" much fun, and Desert/A dazzling place you never knew. We will not be able to have special visitors this summer, but we will still have lots of creative fun!

***Sincerely,  
Lisa Clinton***

**OWLs in the Nest** Will not meet for the next couple of months.



Please watch this newsletter or the Friday eBlast for return dates. This regular fellowship time

is an opportunity to enjoy a potluck meal and conversation. 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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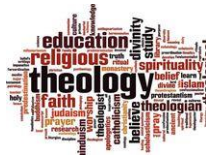
**Adult Bible Study** usually meets on the 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays at

7:15pm in the home of Phil and Jeanne Peterson. Everyone is invited and welcome to join. Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093. **Contact Jeanne to find out when this group will resume meeting.**

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**Bible 101-Basic Theology** will not meet for the next couple of months.



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### Men's Bible Study

Will not meet for the next couple of months. Please watch this newsletter or the Friday eBlast for return dates. **We usually meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:15 in the evening. Men of all ages are welcome when meetings resume.**

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### Pray for Peace in the Middle East

Join Pastor Pam in prayer from your home 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 does not meet in the summer months.



Please watch this newsletter in August about the restart of these meetings.

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couple of months. Please continue to knit or crochet at home.

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

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** Daniel Howard, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Gary and Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, James Boner, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Charlie and David Corm, Gable Cross, Noah Dodd, Rex Endrizzzi, Brechin Flournoy, Judy Frank, Malcom Gay, Alberta Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Russ Hoxie, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Kylie Jackson, Rev. George Johnson, Ward Jones, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Judi Kirby, Tom Kelly, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Pam Mitchell, Ian Ollie, Joyce Pressler, Joe Prieuer and family, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Debbie Reighard, Sharon, Liz Stark, Jenny, the Titus family, Kim Tuer, Anna Watt-Morse, Tristan Weisel, Steve and Jenny West.

**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, Gabriel Gallegos, Richard Gallegos, Chandler Hoover, John Lamberton, Brittany Graham-Karsten, 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.



- 6/12 Sue and Roger Bredenkamp**
- 6/12 Jenn and Scott Ostergren**
- 6/15 Angie and Mike Freligh**
- 6/21 Sarah and Justin Swagler**
- 6/25 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**
- 6/14 Michael Elliott**
- 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 Rick McGee**
- 6/28 Teresa Lowther**
- 6/29 Casey Burkard**
- 6/30 Laura Innes**

# Messages~

The church office is open and staffed only a few days a week right now but please know that you can call the office at 562 598-2433 anytime and leave a message if there is anything you might need. It may be as simple as a question about watching worship services or contact info for local community agencies or it may be a request for pastoral care, shopping assistance, rides to doctors' appointments, etc. We can help you get the answers or support you need. Your voice mail messages are sent to our personal phones so we can get back to you whether or not we are actually in the office.

You can also email us at [officemanager@christlutheranlb.com](mailto:officemanager@christlutheranlb.com) and we will get back to you asap.

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Please look for our newest **Christ Lutheran Group on Facebook** and join it!! You are free to post pics, stories of hope, meaningful bible verses, acts of kindness you want to share with your church family. **This page is for YOU!!**

Also, down load **Zoom** on any device (you just type zoom into the search bar, and it walks you through the steps to sign up) so it will be free and easy. You do need a camera on your computer, laptop, phone, or tablet if you want to join and see others, but just signing up for a free account is a way to reach out to others. You can then invite others to join you for a look see or you can be invited to join in other group chats. **Thanks so much, stay safe and take care...Peace, Lisa Cottrell**





## **New Worship Protocols**

1. We will temporarily return to 2 services (8:30 and 10:30) to provide for better social distancing and will continue to offer communion after each service (see protocol 10 for how communion will be conducted) as well as drive through communion at 11:45am -12:15pm.
2. We will alternate seating to the outside of both sides in one pew and the center of the next pew with one pew between for adequate social distancing – providing seating for up to 50 people per service.
3. Everyone must wear a mask for the duration of the service (we will provide if someone doesn't have one).
4. Hand Sanitizer will be available at both entry points.
5. Only the restroom off the Narthex will be available for use.
  - a. Sanitizing wipes will be available, and ushers will ensure restroom is clean after each use.
7. There will be no singing. Humming is okay!
6. There will be no Passing of the Peace other than what we can do safely from a distance. We have ideas!

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8. There will be no coffee cart.
9. There will be no farewell from Pastor Pam at the exit after service.
10. Communion will be conducted at the end of service, and will take the following precautions:
  - a. All communion servers will wear gloves and a mask.
  - b. The wafer will be dropped by a gloved hand into the hand of the communicant.
  - c. A personal disposable communion cup of wine or grape juice will be provided.
  - d. Communicant disposes the empty cup in the provided receptacles.
11. Offering will be collected at the end of service as people are leaving.
12. Ushers and Altar Guild training will be provided regarding new protocols.

This is a work in progress, and we appreciate your attention and assistance as we craft these policies to protect our church family.

Thank you,

*Pastor Pam, Brian, Kim and your Worship Committee*

## ***CLC Graduate Bios***



*Christ Lutheran joyously celebrates with these graduates from our church family!*

**Daniel Peralta** Daniel graduated from McKendree University in Illinois with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a focus in Criminal Justice. Daniel was a member of the school's very first Varsity Men's Water Polo team for the four years he attended college there. He is currently working at Sprouts market and will be pursuing other employment in line with his degree focus.

**Emily Randig** Emily graduated from California Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with an Environmental Emphasis. She was active in campus clubs including ASCE, CWEA-AWWA, and Chi Epsilon. Emily enjoyed leading her senior project where she and her team attempted to solve some of the environmental issues associated with the Salton Sea. Next year, Emily will be attending Kansas State University to pursue her master's degree in Water Resources Engineering.

**Meghan Randig** Meghan graduated from the University of Iowa with a Master of Art degree in Speech and Language Pathology. During her time there she served as treasurer of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association and was a Teaching Assistant for three semesters. Meghan's favorite clinical experiences included providing evaluations and treatment in a preschool, outpatient rehabilitation center and multidisciplinary diagnostic clinics. She looks forward to accepting a Clinical Fellowship position in the coming months.

**Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos** Ingrid has been awarded a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University, Irvine. Ingrid has been teaching for 36 years. She has taught for both Long Beach Unified and Palm Springs Unified School Districts. She currently teaches at Lindbergh Middle School but her favorite grade level to teach is 5th grade on the elementary level campus. In addition to holding a Multiple Subject Clear Teaching credential, she also has supplemental credentials in English and Biology, as well as her GATE Certification. She completed her BA in Liberal Arts with minors in Psychology and English at California Lutheran University. Prior to teaching in the California public school system she taught Outdoor Science for the private Lutheran Schools at El Camino Pines in California and Kononia in New York. She has been named Teacher of the Year twice for Corsini Elementary School.