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## **Pastor Pam's Pennings**

I'm writing this newsletter article on the first day of fall. As a child I remember going to the orchard and getting bushel basketfuls of apples for both eating and baking. Apple cider freshly made (and drunk) right before our eyes! There is a very distinct aroma of fall in Indiana – a blend of harvest, frost, and fireplaces. I can almost hear leaves crunching under our feet, as we walked to school or to the bus stop down the lane. I can shiver at the memory of frosty breath mornings, while donning our fall coats and jackets. California falls are very different! Though the days still get shorter, there is far less frosty-ness in the air. And when leaves crunch underfoot here, it usually means something isn't receiving water!

Seasonal changes are in the air here at Christ Lutheran!

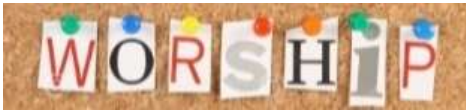
This month, I hope you'll **join me in praying** that we will be coming together for one service at 9:30am on Sunday, October 31, 2021 – **REFORMATION SUNDAY!** John Ennen will be making his confirmation that day, so we can celebrate with the Ennens, as well as remember the events from this date in 1517 with gusto! Don't forget to **wear red!**

As we move into an old 1 service schedule, I would like to invite you to think of how you can contribute to Sunday Education time (after worship). What gifts, talents, abilities, knowledge do you have that you can share with a group of interested people? Deborah Otterson would love to hear from you!

I spent many hours in the last two years while on COVID shutdown taking online classes and attending webinars on racism and white supremacy. I promised myself (and a cadre of humans with whom I gathered), that when we figure out what the new "normal" is, I would offer some of what I learned on Sunday mornings after worship. Expect information on this soon.

Plus, I've been thinking a lot about hospitality these days, and will be offering a class on what it means to be a welcoming church. You may think we've got that down as a congregation, *w+e* are sooo friendly! Maybe. Maybe not. It never hurts to look at something we are good at, so we can become even better!

As Ecclesiastes 3.1 says: *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:* +Blessings+ *Pastor Pam*



Hello my friends,

It is so wonderful to be back with Thursday night music rehearsals once again. Although the hand bells were able to rehearse during the summer, it has been 18 months since our choir last sang together. We are back!!!

To keep things as safe as possible, the choir is rehearsing in the social hall with moving air (air on, fans running, and doors open), social distancing, and face masks. It is not easy to sing with a mask on but we will do the best we can. The music in church will be brief; only a minute or two of singing to begin with. Why? Even with masks on, having everyone up there together exhaling aspirants still is bothersome to me...but I'll get over it!

Both choir and bells are keeping rehearsals short: no longer than :45 minutes for added protection. As you read this newsletter, both groups have already rang and sang in church. Yay!!! Thank you for your patience!

To accommodate those participants in our music groups, until we are all back together again in one service, we will have the bells ring during 8:30 service and the choir sing during the 10:30 service. I will announce each week what to look for the following week. In October, the choir will sing on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 17<sup>th</sup>, and the 31<sup>st</sup>; the bells will ring on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (we have new ringers to break in).

As for the Praise team, hopefully soon it will be safe enough to have our praise band and praise team back up front leading worship. In the meanwhile, I will lead worship up front during second service and in the beginning of first service (sorry...but I need to run the online video editing and streaming) only.

Any questions? Feel free to email me: [brimad@aol.com](mailto:brimad@aol.com)

See you in church!  
Your humble director,  
Brian



## Preschool News

Our Fall session began on Monday, August 30th and we are off to a great start. We had Back to School night on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We were able to host in person this year and we also offered the parents the choice to join virtually via Zoom depending on their comfort level with COVID. The parents got to chat with the teachers, get a tour of their child's classroom, and grab individual refreshments in the courtyard.

Now as we move in to October, we look forward to celebrating the season of Fall with the children. We will be closed on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for a staff development day. Our staff will be doing an in-house training since the CRECEF conference we usually attend has once again been canceled due to COVID 19.



We will end our month with our Harvest Fest celebration. We are hoping we will be able to host our Annual Trunk or Treating this year where parents will be able to decorate their trunks and the classes will trick or treat from car to car.

Blessings for a beautiful Fall!  
Lisa Clinton

# Your Church at Work

## Church Council News

### President's Report for June

**By Debra Albrecht**

Thank you to all of you that attended the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 19. Your comments and input about the list of goals developed by the Church Council helped trigger some ideas on the next steps to carry out these goals. Already some new things are coming your way. Worship Committee is already working hard to enhance the worship experience which was one of the top three goals from Church Council. Pastor Pam has found some new music that is going to be introduced at each service by our music director, Brian Madigan. Pastor Pam and Matt Green have chosen new materials for the Stewardship Program. The theme will be "Together for Joy." In the November Newsletter, I will share our next steps in reaching our goals.

### Connections

**OWLs in the Nest will meet again on Thursday, October 7 at 12 noon in the church social hall. We need someone to sign up to provide the main dish. Beverages will be provided. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish to share. We will be planning the agendas for future meetings so please think about topics/activities for our meetings.**



*"Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Let  
the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy."  
+ Psalm 98*

Our Stewardship program - "Together For Joy" - will begin in November. During that time, we will be talking about Time, Talents and Treasures. This year we will not only talk about what we as members give to CLC, but also about what CLC gives to others. Your generosity to our church becomes generosity around the world as we support ministries such as Lutheran Maritime, Lutheran Social Services, Christian Outreach in Action, Linda Gawthorne, Bread for the World, Miracle Ranch and Habitat for Humanity.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks about these ministries and about how CLC uses their Time, Talents and Treasures to reach God's people near and far.

Commitment Sunday will be November 21st. As in years past, we will be laying our pledges in a basket on the Altar. After services that day, Covid regulations permitting, we will celebrate the gifts of God with a potluck brunch.

Sincerely,  
Matt Green, Stewardship Chair

**LUTHERAN MARITIME MINISTRY** joined in the 2021 Maritime Industry Salute supporting the **International Seafarers' Center** (120 S. Pico Ave. LB 90802 in our local Ports of Long Beach and L.A.) held on September 16th on the USS IOWA in San Pedro. This year's ISC fundraiser recognized the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the International Transport Federation. Local port authorities and port industry officials regularly attend this event where LMM is prominently recognized.



Our LMM Chaplains Samson Chauhan and Chim Mandalia work with the ISC, visiting and serving the ships while ministering to the international seafarers and ships' officers. In the past months, many were "taken downtown L.B." to get COVID 19 vaccinations when they were NOT allowed on shore at any other time.

Our mission is "To share the love of God and Jesus Christ with seafarers from around the world" docked in our ports. We "shop" in

nearby stores (Target, Costco, BestBuy, et al.) for their personal needs; we pray, and lead Bible Studies, worship services, hold communion and Baptisms, and are just present for them, while respecting their personal faiths. Most of the seafarers are from East and South Asia, the Philippines, and some from Europe and the Americas. Currently, ships fill the ports with over 50 ships that we can see waiting offshore. Containers are packing the freight trains going out across the US and California. Seafarers only have a few days here!

LMM is supported by our CLC missions giving, other local congregations, our SW CA (ELCA) Synod budget grants, plus individuals' gifts. The Board of Directors are from Long Beach and South Bay Lutheran churches plus a few from a Methodist Church of India in Southern California.

For more information, ask Ron Nelson, speak to Chaplain Chauhan (562/209-1577 [shekhar01@gmail.com](mailto:shekhar01@gmail.com)) or when he comes to worship with us on November 14th.

Otherwise, please see LMM website @ <https://LMMsocial.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/LMMSOCAL/>



**Members at Home or  
in Care Centers:**

Justin Bartlow, Judy  
Haenn, Ione

Marchael, Carol Price, Frances Willms.

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

Deb Albrecht, Daniel Howard, Bary & Janice  
Schlieder, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Ashley, Marylyn, Terry, Gladi  
Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Cheryl, Marilyn  
Armstrong, Zach Burkard, Byron, Clara & John  
Caldwell, Dick & Nancy Challis, Charlie and  
David Corm, Mary and Max Croes, John Daly,  
Becky Dave, Tamra Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy,  
Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Evie Holdhusen,  
Bobbie Hoenig, Ben Horner, Bill and Teria  
Horner, Kylie & Crystal Huber, JoDee Irwin,  
Victoria Johnson, Doris Jung, DJ Koenen, Barb  
Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Shirley Latner, Barb  
Ontiveros, the Otterson family, Mike Rainey,  
Kristina & Scott Randolph, Debbie Reighard,  
Bob Schlaf, Beth Schluemer, Casey and Mark  
Smith, JayeAnna and Ethan, Cordle, Anna Watt-  
Morse, 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, Rachel  
& Victor Colon, Michael Cote, Aaron  
Crayton, William Eaton, Damian Ellsworth,  
Gabriel Gallegos, Richard Gallegos,  
Chandler Hoover, John Lambertson,  
Brittany Graham-Karsten, Davis  
McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn,  
Haley Fessenden, Johnny Luna,  
Shawn McRae, Emily Merritt,  
Brina Navarro, 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*
- 10/10 Paige and Aaron Mills*
- 10/12 Annette and Jeff Rodrigues*
- 10/14 Sara and Sean Benoit*
- 10/27 Kathy Klute and Chris Nelson*

- 10/2 Lucas Hood*
- 10/5 Glenn Hoxie*
- 10/6 Justin Swagler*
- 10/8 Lauren Trost*
- 10/11 Chris Nelson*
- 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 Petrbock*





# Church News

**Daytimer's LunchBunch** will meet again on

**Tuesday, September 28 at 11:30am at Hof's Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.**

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The Church in Society committee has developed a new giving plan for 2021 year. Since we are not able to be in worship together, which makes it very difficult to bring material donations for the ministries we support, we will focus on specific programs each month and collect financial contributions to distribute. Until we return to the physical church space, special offerings can be designated in the memo line of the check or information box on PayPal.

October Focus– Lutheran Social Services --We will be putting up a gift card tree to collect cards for seniors and the homeless. LSS requests cards from the following stores only: Dollar Tree, 99cent Store, Walmart, and Gas Cards, and in \$10 - \$20 amounts. We will also continue to deliver the food that is brought to church to them.

\*Members who have pledged to organizations such as Habitat or Miracle Ranch will continue with their regular pledges.

\*When we return to "normal" we will resume regular collection of **items** for the CSULB Food Bank, New Life Beginnings, COA, and LSS (Lutheran Social Services). Keep LSS and COA in mind when you do have items to donate. **You can take items directly to their locations** even though **we** are not collecting for them right now. Their addresses can be found on line or call the church office for their phone numbers. There might be occasions where we will sponsor an in gathering of specially needed items for any of these organizations as situations arise.

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If you are a Ralph's Shopper, please add Christ Lutheran to the Community Programs partnership attached to your Ralph's card. We received a donation for **\$91.67** from just **16** households for March through May.

We also receive contributions from **Amazon Smile** if you designate Christ Lutheran as the charity of choice for eligible purchases. We have received **\$502.29** since we began participating in this program. Thanks so much!







Eligible clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches. CLC has received **\$2298.00 so far**

**in 2021.** Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.

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## Help Still Needed

### **Birthday Committee**

**This group of members will be a sub committee of Connections and can have as many members as want to participate. As a member, you will take responsibility for sending birthday cards to CLC members for the month. If you'd like, cards and postage can be provided; names and birthdates are found in the monthly newsletter. The more people who help out, the fewer months each peron will have responsibility for. Please contact Kim in the church office to volunteer.**

### **SUNDAY EDUCATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

In order to provide you with a variety of Sunday Educational classes, we need leaders. If you have a special talent or expertise on a particular subject that you think would be of interest,, or if you would be willing to lead a class after church on Sunday, please let us know. You can contact the church office via email or phone.

[officemanager@christlutheranlb.com](mailto:officemanager@christlutheranlb.com)

562 598-2433

Thank you for considering this.

Deborah Otterson  
Church Council Education



**Church in Society's Mission Support for October is Lutheran Social Services and their work with senior citizens and the homeless. Providing necessities to those in need is crucial to their physical wellbeing but providing opportunities for self-sufficiency is so important to their mental and emotional health. Having the resources to make purchases for personal items means the world to those who struggle. If you would like to support these individuals as well as giving them a sense of pride, please bring in gift cards to place on Christ Lutheran's Giving Tree.**

**LSS asks that the cards be limited to \$10-\$20 and purchased only from the following stores:**



LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE  
**FOUNDATION**

*Lifetime Learning  
Center*

## **Lifetime Learning Center Senior Studies Program**

The Lifetime Learning Center offers classes and programs for older adults. This semester we are continuing to offer Tai Chi for Better Balance, Chair Strength Training, Music at the Academy and Creative Calm on Zoom. We are thrilled to have Lucy Daggett's Music Class and Craig Hendrick's World and Current Affairs Class at the Pacific Coast Campus in Dyer Hall.

We are still faced with challenges due to COVID and are working diligently to reach the members of our community to ensure the mental, physical and social health of LBCC's Lifetime Vikings.

Our center is also offering support with tuition and technology so that financial hardships are not isolating members of our vibrant community. By supporting the Lifetime Learning Center, you are helping to us continue to provide necessary services to older adults, offering classes that enrich the lives of lifetime learners. Thank you so much for your support.

**Lifetime Learning Center**

[www.lbcc.edu/lifetime-learning-center](http://www.lbcc.edu/lifetime-learning-center)

**The Long Beach City College Foundation  
4901 E. Carson St. B12  
Long Beach, CA 90808**

**Christ Lutheran Church  
6500 Stearns street  
Long Beach, CA 90815-3497**

**Return service Requested**



**Mission Statement:**  
Christ Is Alive!

**Vision Statement:**

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With His love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

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