



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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"See, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5a

Happy New Year! Each new year gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the year past and to anticipate the year ahead. We will encounter new opportunities to create and re-create. Who would have guessed, way back in 2019 that COVID would still be a global reality and that we'd STILL be in a pandemic and fearful as to what this new o (omicron) variant is going to be doing this year? (Who ever knew that we'd get to know the Greek alphabet in such a way?) Will we have to shut down in-person worship again? How can we continue to improve our on-line worship experience?

In this new year we as Christians can trust that God is making all things new! This newness doesn't mean that we aren't going to go through tough times, or feel that we are alone, or wonder where God is in all of this.

Even so, God is with us, making all things new. Did you know that we get a new stomach lining every 4 days? And that our skin is completely new every 27 days? Always being made new, that's us from the inside out!

This new year, I pray that you will lean into the grace of God and trust that the "new thing" God is doing will be a blessed thing – a wonderful thing – a holy thing – even when we are uncertain, or fearful, or wondering just what to do.

Always being made new – that is what is happening here at CLC! This month we will elect new Council members and new leadership. We will adopt a new budget and together plan how we feel God is leading us in this new year, 2022.

There is still much to do for the sake of the Gospel and the world in which we live. I am so proud of the way your generosity continues to make an impact – locally and globally through all of the support you give so freely.

I pray that you can both see and feel how God is indeed making all things new this New Year!

+Blessings+

Pastor Pam



Greetings!

As I look back on this past year, we started with an empty church and ended with a sanctuary filled with a congregation blessed with the Holy Spirit. It fills my heart with joy to see everyone together again at Christmas time. I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season. A huge thanks for everyone who helped out this season, including our wonderful staff, alter guild, and music team.

As we move forward, we will slowly continue to add back to our worship service some of the elements missing since the pandemic. First of all, we will put together an Assistant Minister schedule for those willing to assist us on Sundays; next up, we will bring back our Praise Band/Praise Team; and finally, we will continue to improve the aesthetics around the sanctuary so we may co-exist with the new live-streaming format (we have over a 100 people each week watching so we must continue this evangelistic contribution). Specifics about these improvements will be announced in detail when they are officially approved.

The next wave of re-additions includes bringing back Sunday School when it is safe enough to do so. I miss the kids and if we provide something for them, they will come. I'm crossing my fingers.

I am praying for a blessed 2022!

Your humble Director,

Brian Madigan



Preschool News

December 1st was our annual Pajama Day event. We collected 60 pairs of pajamas and a lot of books. Claudia Fitzpatrick delivered them to Lutheran Social Services for them to pass out at their Christmas party. They were truly appreciative of our generosity. Thank you to everyone that participated and helped in making someone's Christmas special this year!

In an effort to limit the amount of people gathering indoors in one space at the same time, we had a Christmas Walking Tour this year instead of our usual program. We had individual classroom scenes/performances outside at different stations around campus for parents to walk through and see their children perform. Room 1&6 had a Birthday Party for Jesus, Room 2 was a Gingerbread Baking Station, Room 3 was Angels Rejoicing, Room 4 was Rocking Around the Christmas Tree, and Room 5 was the Nativity scene. Following the Walking Tour, we had hot coco and cookies in "to-go" bags for everyone to enjoy.

We closed for winter break December 24 through January 1st. School will resume on January 3rd.

Happy New Year!
Lisa Clinton



Psalm 98

"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."

STEWARDSHIP

Happy New Year!

As I look back at the last two months, I hope that the emphasis of our Stewardship program was apparent – That good stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasures is important for us as individuals, and as a congregation also. With the support of our members, Christ Lutheran Church makes commitments to many ministries that reach people in need in our own backyard and all over the world. We were extremely fortunate to have representatives of a few local ministries worship with us during the program.

Thank You to everyone that attended our Taco Truck lunch on Commitment Sunday. The pledge response from our members has been great, with only a few still outstanding. Our budget for 2022, which will be presented at the January congregational meeting, will be built upon your generosity.

Sincerely,
Matt Green, Stewardship Chair



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

Justin Bartlow, Judy Haenn, Ione Marchael,
Carol Price, Don Westerhoff, Frances
Willms.

Those struggling with illness or other

concerns: Daniel Howard, Bary & Janice
Schlieder, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Alberta, Marylyn, Terry,
Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Cheryl,
Lori, Zach Burkard, Kathy Buskirk, Byron,
Clara & John Caldwell, Dick & Nancy Challis,
Charlie and David Corm, Mary and Max Croes,
Kevin & family, Manuel John Duarte, John
Daly, Becky Dave, Rosemary Dougherty,
Tamra Fitzgerald, Christy & Karl, Brechin
Flournoy, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Evie
Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Kylie & Crystal
Huber, JoDee Irwin, Victoria Johnson, Doris
Jung, Linda Kuhn, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr,
Peggy Miller, Barb Ontiveros, Paul Perencevic,
Mike Rainey, Kristina & Scott Randolph,
Debbie Reighard, JayeAnna & Ethan, Casey
and Mark Smith, Katie Swartz, Anna Watt-
Morse, Ed Weston, 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, Michael Cote, Aaron
Crayton, William Eaton, Damian Ellsworth,
Chandler Hoover, John Lamberton,

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.



- 1/2** *Beverly Koenen*
- 1/2** *Jared Petrбок*
- 1/5** *Bary Schlieder*
- 1/7** *Kristine Trost*
- 1/9** *Matt Green*
- 1/16** *Linda McGee*
- 1/18** *Kathy Klute-Nelson*
- 1/20** *Marvin Moon*
- 1/24** *Rob Randig*
- 1/27** *Mark Ennen*
- 1/27** *Samia Hack*
- 1/27** *Garrett Latiolait*

OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) will meet on **Thursday, January 6 at 12:00 noon** in the Social Hall. Bring a side dish to share.

Daytimer's LunchBunch will meet again on **Tuesday, January 25 at 11:30am** at Hof's Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.



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 **\$60.10** from just **13** households September through the end of November; for a total of \$362.18 in 2021!

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.

Results from last Blood Drive: Christ Lutheran Church

Presenting Donors : 13

Scheduled Donors : 15

Deferrals: 1

Needed Donors : 32

Goal to Collect: 25

Units Collected: 15 (4 Power Red donors)

Up to 45 lives saved!

Percent of Goal: 60%

Message from the president of Red Cross Biomed Services:

The frightening truth? Our blood supply is at a historic low.

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade, and patient care is being affected right now. A dangerously low blood supply means we have had to reduce the amount of blood products hospitals receive by as much as 25% in recent weeks, forcing hospitals to defer patient surgeries, including organ transplants. Hospital demand remains strong, but fewer donors are coming in – perhaps because of the holiday season, vacation travel, or regular activities having resumed.

**SHARE THE GIFT
OF LIFE.**



Sunday, February 27th between 830am and 230pm in the Social Hall. Go to redcrossblood.org/CLCLB to sign up or call Kim in the church office for an appointment.

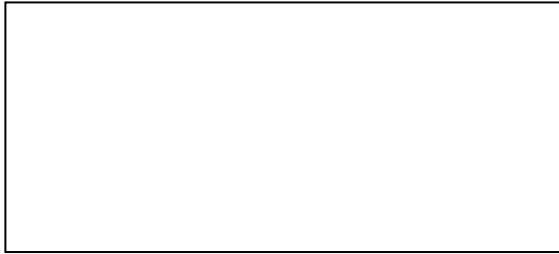


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Mission Statement:
 Christ Is Alive!

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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January 15

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 830am or 1030am



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