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Greetings!

Hristos Vaskrese! Otherwise known as: "Christ is risen" in my mom's Serbian dialect. Although I grew up in the Catholic church—my father's side of the family are Irish Catholics—I also spent some time at the Serbian Orthodox Church—my mom's side of the family. The one thing I remembered most was the beautiful gothic cathedral with murals all over the ceilings; another thing I remember is the smell of incense and the church being illuminated only by candles and natural light...beautiful!

I seemed to appreciate it even more when I was the Director of the Cathedral Choir at my mom's home church for almost three years. The glorious sound of this professional sounding choir of almost 30 singers filling the space was breath-taking. I eventually had to leave because I missed the more contemporary church setting...but everyone should, at least one time in your life, visit an Orthodox cathedral. St. Stephen's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, up in the hills of Alhambra, is one of the most gorgeous ones in the country (and was my mom's home church).

Holy Week and its culmination with Easter morning worship was so special this year with all of us back together again. I appreciate everyone who helped make everything so special. The month of May will finish off our 2021-22 music season before our choir and hand bells take their usual summer rest...one we all really need!

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

Your humble Director,

Brian Madigan



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Easter with an Easter Egg hunt on the yard and then the children enjoyed a picnic lunch with their families. We had a huge turnout, and everyone was so happy to be able to join the celebration in person this year!



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WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD



In April we also celebrated Week Of the Young Child. We had fun activities each day to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us. The courtyard had displays of children's artwork, science projects and documentation boards showing how children learn through play. Monday, we celebrated our world with planting, recycled art and play dough Earth, Tuesday was Art day, Wednesday was Science day, Thursday was Community Helper day with a visit from the Fire Truck, and Friday was Family day with a family dance party and picnic.



The first week of May we will have teacher appreciation week. On May 6th we will celebrate the blessing of mothers with Moms and Muffins in the courtyard at drop off time. May 11 & 12, we will have Elks Vision screening come in to test the children's eyes for free.

*Blessings for a beautiful month!*  
*Lisa Clinton*

## Message from Christ Lutheran Congregation President: Bryce Bonilla-Haenn

Greetings! I know we've all been waiting patiently for an interim to be hired, and good news is on the horizon. Council has been working diligently with the synod, and we are in the midst of finalizing a contract for an interim pastor to start May 2.

This person has significant experience in leading congregations through pastoral searches and supporting congregations in making important adjustments as they move forward more effectively.

We expect the interim period to be approximately 1.5 years, but we trust in our faith to provide us the right person at the right time. In any case, council is confident that we will be in good hands until then.

It's also important to remember that this time of rebuilding at CLC will require all of us to pitch in, whether that's with the Call Committee, other groups, or actively participating in meetings or events. CLC is our community, and God willing, it will be what we make of it.

I'm looking forward to our future. See you Sunday!



**Those at home or in care facilities:** Justin

Bartlow, Judy Haenn, Ione Marchael, Don Westerhoff, and Frances Willms.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** Roger Bredenkamp, Daniel

Howard, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl,

Lori, Erin Belk, Leah Blakeman, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Steve, Charlie and David Corm, Mary and Max Croes, Noah Dodd, Dorcas, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Michael Hardman, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Kylie & Crystal Huber, JoDee Irwin, Doris Jung, Linda Kuhn, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Hudson Nunnally, Barb Ontiveros, Luis Ortiz, Mark Palley, Peacemaker, Paul Perencevic, Paula Pettit, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Mary Kathryn Rivera, Mary Tracy, Theresia Tuer, Anna Watt-Morse, Ed Weston, Teresa, Jessica, 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 Ryan Dorris and Johnny Luna.



- 5/7** *Kristina and Rob Randig*
- 5/21** *Renu and Marv Moon*



- 5/2** *Rob McGee*
- 5/4** *Alex Alfonso*
- 5/6** *Jesse Knight*
- 5/8** *Katelyn Ramos*
- 5/9** *Carina Colvin*
- 5/10** *Jessica Stamer*
- 5/11** *Ron Nelson*
- 5/12** *Chris Hunter*
- 5/18** *Rich Oelschlaeger*
- 5/23** *Elisabeth Jenkins*
- 5/24** *Lauren Martin*
- 5/26** *Joaquin Alfonso*
- 5/27** *Ivan Brown*
- 5/28** *Max Johnson*
- 5/31** *Scott Moon*

\*OWLs (Officially Wise Lutherans) will meet on Thursday, May 12 at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall. Bring a side dish to share.  
\*Note the name change from Older to Officially

Daytimer’s LunchBunch may meet on Tuesday, May 31 at 11:30am at Hof’s Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.

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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 \$77.39 from just 13 households December 2021 through the end of February 2022.

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We also receive contributions from Amazon Smile if you designate Christ Lutheran as the charity of choice for eligible purchases. We have received \$606.40 since we began participating in this program. Thanks so much.



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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 received \$2298.00 in 2021. Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.

**Your church council** wants to provide ways for members to reach out to each other and ask for recommendations for trusted service providers. This can be for handiworkers, electricians, housekeeping, etc. Please feel free to send in your requests to the church office by email or phone. We will print these in the weekly announcements with your contact information.

- Our first request is from Harriette Probst. She is looking for someone who would be available to come to her home to help her out with light chores and to spend time visiting with her. Please call Harriette directly if you or someone you know is available. If you need her number, contact the church office at 562 598-2433.

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You may know that Staples and other business supply stores will collect your used ink and toner cartridges. Staples will give you store credit for the items you turn in for recycling. CLC’s office turns in cartridges for recycling and because of our customer status, we are allowed to turn in up to 20 cartridges each month. This allows for a significant savings when we order office supplies. If you are not inclined to take your cartridges to Staples or any other location, we would love to have them. We’ll have a container in the usher’s room for this purpose, just ask an usher to direct you and thank you for your support.

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**Church in Society's giving focus for the month of May is New Life Beginnings (NLB)** here in Long Beach. NLB is a Christ-centered shelter serving the unique needs of homeless, pregnant women and their children. The program's goal is to help these women become responsible members of society. The women must go to school, have a job or volunteer at a recognized charity at least 30 hours per week, in addition to doing their share of cooking and housekeeping chores at the home. Because it is a Christian ministry, there are no government funds available, and the entire program relies on donations of cash and 'in kind' goods.

Items most in need are listed below.

Twin size mattress protector covers-5  
Microwave Safe Dinner plate and Bowl set- 2  
Twin size bed sheets for women and children  
Pillow cases  
Clothes hangers  
Velvet clothes hangers for 10 rooms  
33 gallon size trash bags

They are also in need of a gently used Cal King mattress and box spring.

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**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.

**June Newsletter Deadline:**  
**May 15**

***Life In Christ***  
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**Worship 9:30am**  
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