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Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time you read this summer will be here! And as we enjoy the longer days and warmer weather, we are again returning to being together in person for worship, community events, family gatherings, vacations, etc. On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we had a glorious worship celebration honoring graduates from High School, College, and post-Graduate studies! It was so joyful to be with families and friends celebrating milestones and sharing our blessings as these young people move into new stages of life.

We also said Farewell and Godspeed to Brian Madigan, who so humbly served as Worship and Music Director at Christ for many years. We wish Brian all good things as he enters a new phase in his life, as well.

At the Annual Meeting on June 12, I spoke of next steps in the Transition process for pastoral ministry. It is easy for us to focus on the scarcity, rather than the abundance of gifts God has given this community of faith. While these next steps may feel complicated by the absence of a

Music Director, I spoke of the great opportunity for the community of faith at Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool to dream and plan for where God is leading us into the future. With all the changes to our lives as a result of the COVID pandemic, we are able to look at what is most important in our calling to preach and teach, worship and commune, gather and send disciples into the world in Jesus' name. I encourage each of us to pray and listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance as move forward this summer.

I am grateful for the Executive Committee and Church Council who work hard to make decisions benefiting the whole community. Please pray for their leadership! I am grateful for all the members and staff who have stepped in and stepped up when needed. Please pray for their efforts!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We kicked off the first week of May with teacher appreciation week. The parents brought in special treats/presents each day for the staff. It is an honor and privilege to care for their children and we are blessed to have such generous and supportive families at CLP!



At the end of the week, we celebrated Mother's Day with our Moms & Muffins event. Moms and their children enjoyed breakfast and fun activities that included playdough flower sculptures, a magic gummy worm experiment, and coloring book marks.

May 11 & 12, we were able to offer free vision screenings through the Elks club. This is a great resource that allows us to catch potential vision issues early on.



In June, we will wrap up our school year. We will celebrate dads with Dads & Donuts on Friday, June 10th. We will have breakfast and activities for the dads to do with their child at drop off.



Our school year will come to an end on Wed, June 22nd. We will honor our friends that are going to Kindergarten with a special graduation ceremony just for them at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Then we will celebrate everyone at our End of Year Program in the

Social Hall at 11:30am. We will have cake on the yard and school will close at 12:30pm.

We will be closed for staff work days on Thurs 6/23 & Fri 6/24 to prepare for our summer session which will start on Mon 6/27. Our theme for summer will be "World of Colors". Our weekly themes will include: Blast off to Summer of Colors, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple, and Rainbow.



Blessings for a beautiful month!
Lisa Clinton



Those at home or in care facilities: Justin Bartlow, Ione Marchael, Don Westerhoff, and Frances Willms.

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

Family & Friends: Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl, Lori, Keegan, Brandon, 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, the Lewis family, Hudson Nunnally, Barb Ontiveros, Peacemaker, Paul Perencevic, Paula Pettit, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Mary Kathryn Rivera, J.R. Rose, Jeff Spencer, 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 Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.



7/10 *Jeanne and Phil Peterson*
7/18 *Ann and Rich Williams*
7/28 *Rebecca and Matt Green*



7/1 *Enzo Strain*
7/4 *Ken Yliniemi*
7/11 *Noah Timney*
7/11 *Matt Weisel*
7/12 *Ben Elliott*
7/20 *D'Jesus Trujillo*
7/29 *Sydney Nichols*
7/30 *Rebecca Green*

***OWLs (Obviously Wise Lutherans) will meet on Thursday, July 14th 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 will meet on Tuesday, July 26th 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 **\$64.83** from just **11 households** March through May of this year.

We also receive contributions from **Amazon Smile** if you designate Christ Lutheran as the charity of choice for eligible purchases. We have received **\$644.93** 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 received \$1211.00 so far this year. 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.

Church in Societies' donation focus for the month of July is Lutheran Social Services (LSS). LSS is a national organization with many state and regional offices, which minister to the hungry, homeless, and underprivileged, as well as providing emergency disaster support. LSS also provides health and nutrition education, literacy, parenting classes, adult and youth tutoring, counseling, and grief ministry.





CLC Graduate Bios

Christ Lutheran joyously sends these young people into the world with God's Blessings!

Seth Elliott graduated from Millikan High School, where he has attended all four years, spending a year and a half online during the pandemic. In his senior year, Seth returned to in-person school and rejoined Varsity Wrestling helping the team win the Moore League Championship and first place CIF. As an individual, Seth placed first in his weight class at the CIF Championships and was named outstanding wrestler of the tournament. Seth was chosen by his coaches as the Most Inspiring Wrestler. Just after wrestling season, Seth underwent shoulder surgery and he continues to recover and rehabilitate in preparation to wrestle in college at Concordia University in Mequon,

Wisconsin. He plans to study business management and marketing with the goal of working for a large corporation after graduation. Over the summer, Seth plans to take a family vacation to the state of Washington, continue physical therapy, spend time at the beach, spend as much time as possible with his dog, Scout, and shop for proper winter clothing. GO FALCONS!

Arielle Joubert-Honacki graduated from Los Alamitos High School where she attended for four years. Arielle has been a member of the award-winning Los Alamitos dance program throughout her high school years. After celebrating her graduation, Arielle will travel during the summer months and returns to spend time with my friends and family. In the fall, Arielle will venture out to the east coast to attend Penn State University as a Kinesiology major.

Faith Timney is now a graduate from Los Alamitos High School with high honors. She has received the State Seal of Biliteracy, Award of Merit, Scholar Athlete Award, and other recognition for her high academic achievement, athletic successes, and activity participation. Faith swam for 4 years with the Los Al swim team where she won League Championships every year. In 2021, her teammates recognized her with an "Underdog Award" because she was

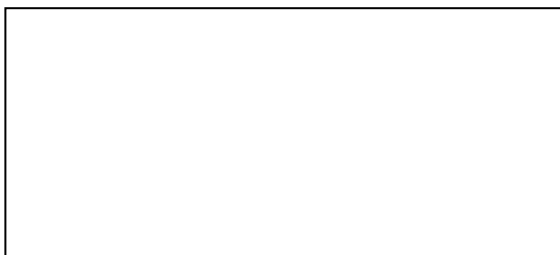
added to the butterfly event just before finals and won points that helped secure the team's win. Faith views this experience to be the highlight of her high school career. Faith was also part of Los Al's award-winning show choir for 2 years where she served in a leadership position with the Vocal Music Council and was awarded "Soprano of the Year" both years she participated. Faith is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and has enjoyed taking as many science classes as the school would allow. She has also been recognized for her volunteerism having nearly 700 hours of documented work, including 5 years raising money for the MS Society, organizing 2 blood drives, tutoring Spanish, participating in Casa Youth Shelter's youth leadership program, and working at a local summer camp. Her youth pastors described Faith as fervent because of her incredible desire to learn God's word and draw close to him. This summer, Faith will finish her SCUBA certification, travel to Hawaii, work at Bogart's Coffee House in Seal Beach, and continue swim training. In the fall, Faith will be attending California Lutheran University studying Environmental Science and Spanish, swimming on their swim team, and getting closer to the Lord.

Justin Randig received his bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture, College of Environmental Design from Cal Poly Pomona in May. In addition to his studies, Justin helped design and build two floats for the Tournament of Roses Parade. He also worked part time at the John T. Lyle Center, helping to carry out regenerative practices throughout the grounds of the center. After having the fortunate opportunity to work for and be mentored by Mike Freligh for the last three years, this July, Justin will start working for Blasen Landscape Architecture in Marin County, where he will be working as an entry level designer and looks forward to earning his Landscape Architecture license.

Emily Randig received her master's degree in Water Resources Engineering from Kansas State University in May this year. During her master's program, Emily researched new ways to predict harmful algal blooms and hopes to publish her research this summer. Emily will start working full-time as a Stormwater Design Engineer in July for Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE) in Orange County, California.

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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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