



Christ Lutheran Church

Christ is Alive!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 27) is the first Sunday in the season of Advent! This season can be an occasion for a new start as we begin a new liturgical year in the life of the church. While the world around us winds down the calendar year, and readies for the excitement of Christmas, we return to a place that is bare and raw. We wait for God to show up again in the nakedness of a newborn in a simple stable. We wait for Christ to come again for bring to fruition all things.

Advent is the season of waiting. Not necessarily with the same excitement of Christmas, but with an eagerness born of longing; with the anticipation of God's entrance into our lives. In our world, so accustomed to immediate answers and gratification, the waiting of Advent offers one simple promise – Emmanuel, God with Us!

So, on November 27 we turn to the Gospel according to Matthew for a glimpse of God with us. From a long history of God's chosen people, Jesus enters our earthly life to fulfill the covenant promise God made to be faithful to us. Throughout the church year, we will experience Jesus as Teacher, Healer, Preacher, and Messiah – all from Matthew's rich stories. Matthew's Jesus will awaken us to the challenges of our current lives, and call us to be vigilant watchers for the signs of God's promises in our midst.

We pray this prayer on the first Sunday of Advent; "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen" (Sundays and Seasons, p. 34. C. 2022)

Blessings to you,

Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor



Preschool News

October was a wonderful month at CLP.

Our new security cameras were installed the second week of the month and they are amazing. The quality is very good, and we are grateful to have this added layer of security on campus.

We were closed on Friday 10/14 for a staff development day. The staff was able to spend the day learning, refreshing ideas about Child Development and bonding as a team.

Music Makers were invited to Church on Sunday, 10/16 to perform songs they have been working on with Mrs. Fitzpatrick. Our church family was thrilled to see the children and the children who were able to attend had a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing the upcoming monthly Music Maker performances at church in the future.

We had our annual Trunk-or-Treating on Friday, 10/31 to celebrate Halloween. The children dressed up and each class took turns going trunk to trunk in the parking lot to collect treats. They also enjoyed special activities in their classrooms. Thank you to everyone that participated in our Trunk-or-Treating! The trunks looked great and the children had a lot of fun.

In November, we will be hosting a Pajama Day where the children can wear pajamas to school as well as bring a pair of new child sized pajamas and a book to donate to LSS. November 23rd we will celebrate Thanksgiving most likely with individual classroom celebrations. Each classroom will make placemats and centerpieces to decorate and will sing a song and say a prayer before eating. We will be closed on November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Blessings for a beautiful month!

Lisa Clinton



Saturday, November 12th
Sons of Norway will meet at noon. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture.

Thursday, November 10th
***OWLs (Obviously Wise Lutherans)** will meet at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall. Bring a side dish to share. *Note the name change from Older to Obviously.

Saturday, November 19th
Christmas Market and Craft Faire here in our parking lot from 10am until 2pm. Holiday shopping opportunities, good food and fun activities for the kids.

Sunday, November 20th
Commitment Sunday
 We will be leaving our offering pledges for 2023 at the altar and celebrating with brunch following worship.

Thursday, November 24th
Thanksgiving The church and preschool offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

Tuesday, November 29th
Daytimer's LunchBunch will meet at 11:30am at Hof's Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.



Those at home or in care facilities: Justin

Bartlow, Laurie Ennen, Ione Marchael, Don Westerhoff, and Frances Willms.

Those struggling with illness or other

concerns: Don Darnauer, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Karen Koch, Sydney Nichols, Shirley Pierce, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Doris Weinert, Kurt Weisel, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Cheryl, Lori, Keegan, Brandon, Erin Belk, Leah Blakeman, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Jon Christopherson, Mary and Max Croes, JD, Glenn Darnauer, 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, Terri Lujan, Dewey Martin, Hudson Nunnally, Barb Ontiveros, Paul Perencevic, Paula Pettit, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Mary Kathryn Rivera, J.R. Rose, Jeff Spencer, Vicki Thompson, Theresia Tuer, 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, Morgan Llewellyn, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.



11/2 Amanda & Derek Johnson



- 11/1 Andy Trost**
- 11/1 Doris Weinert**
- 11/6 Janice Schlieder**
- 11/7 Ann Williams**
- 11/9 Mike Maricle**
- 11/10 Jake Treat**
- 11/11 Justin Randig**
- 11/15 Deborah Otterson**
- 11/16 Ruth Barnes**
- 11/16 Mike Freligh**
- 11/20 Phil Peterson**
- 11/23 Jeremy Rodrigues**
- 11/25 Adam Elliott**
- 11/28 Paige (Green) Mills**



**“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.”**

Dear CLC Family,

By the time you read this in our November Newsletter, our Stewardship program “Together for Joy” will be in full swing. As we prayerfully consider what we can pledge financially toward the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church for 2023, let us also think about “*why*” we give. During Sunday services in November, we will hear from members who have volunteered to share their “*why*.” They will explain what motivates and inspires them to give of their time, talents, and treasures to Christ Lutheran Church and elsewhere.

Commitment Sunday will be on November 20th. As in years past, we will be laying our pledges in a basket on the altar and celebrate as a family with breakfast in the social hall. We are calling this breakfast an “**Egg Bake O’rama**”! Sign-up sheets will soon be available to RSVP and for those of you that wish to share your favorite egg bake with the congregation. Our goal is 100% participation! So please mark your calendars now.

Sincerely,
Matt Green, Stewardship



If you are a Ralph's Shopper, please add Christ Lutheran to the Community Programs partnership attached to your Ralph's card. We received

donations totaling **\$281.92 from just 13 households so far 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 **\$675.78 since we began participating in this program.** Thanks so much.



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Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



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 \$1876.00 so far this year. Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.

Christ Lutheran's Outreach, Connections, and Church in Society Committees want to begin hosting events for our church membership, our preschool families, and the community at large. We feel that our ministries and our people have so much to offer those around us and that we can have a really great time reaching out. There is a growing list of activities that we want to share with you to see if maybe, one or two of these piques your interest. You can add your ideas to this list as well. If it excites you, it will most likely excite others.

CLC hosted hot dog dinner for preschool families- **Completed**

CLC presence on CLP Back to School Night – **Completed**

God's Work, Our Hands - **Completed**

Reformation Celebration – Oktoberfest invite CLP and Namaste – **Completed`**

Kaleidoscope for all kids; CLC, CLP, the community

Music Makers for CLP classes - **Completed**

Coffee and breakfast bars for preschool parents at drop-off in the morning

Snack for preschool parents at pick up in the afternoon

Church Picnic include Namaste` or CLP families

Outdoor movie night include Namaste` or CLP families

Game nights include Namaste` or CLP families

Christmas Craft and Gift market include Namaste` or CLP families – November 19th

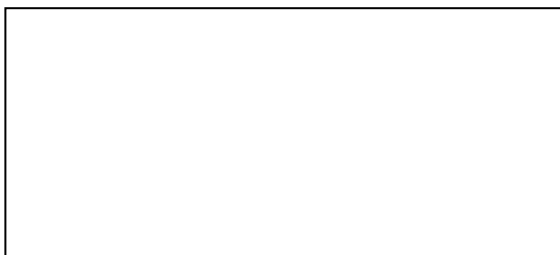
Book and Toy Exchange- members and CLC families

These activities and events will need to be hosted by our church members initially. Please sign up to participate as these are scheduled.

Christ is alive at Christ Lutheran Long Beach!

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Mission Statement:

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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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November 15

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