



From Pastor Pam's Desk

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I thank my God every time I remember you...Philippians 1:3

May? How can it be May already? Time sure flies here at Christ Lutheran!

For me, living in Indiana as a kid, the month of May brought the end of the school year, opening our summer cottage after the winter, and the Indianapolis 500! We would listen to the race on the radio as we worked to open the cottage. It made all of the sweeping, and dusting, and washing easier and more enjoyable as we listened to those cars zoom around the Brickyard.

I was simply amazed as to how quickly those memories come alive again as I listened to the Indy cars race here in our Long Beach Grand Prix! Funny, how the cleaning just seems to go faster when you hear those engines roar!

We are entering the end of the Easter season in May. I hope you have checked out all of the exciting events going on in and around our campus, starting on May 1st in worship – May Day.

We will be having a **Service of Remembrance on May 1st**. We, as a congregation have suffered the loss of so many significant people in the last two years. We want to remember them in a service, together. We invite you to bring photos, photo boards (from their funerals/memorial services), and other memories of your loved one to worship on May 1st and we will adorn our church with what you bring. We will collectively remember and grieve together. But don't think that it will be morbid! We live in Easter hope and resurrection promise – and yet, our loss is real.

May 8th is Mother's Day. We will have a special gift for every woman in worship this day. We can pause and thank God for our mothers, and for those who have mothered us along the way.

May 15th we have two baptisms scheduled during worship and our Congregational meeting after worship. We will have a budget update; select the final voting

member to Synod Assembly on June 3 & 4 which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at LAX [Assembly starts at 1pm on Friday the 3rd and ends at noon on Saturday, the 4th]; and hear from any of our committees who wish to report.

May 22nd is the **Preschool Auction** held at the Grand. It's always a fun and exciting event and this year Claudia and Maggie Fitzpatrick's string quartet will be playing for entertainment. The theme is **"Remembering Your Roots."** Plan to join the fun.

May 29th is **Memorial Weekend!**

If you haven't thanked a council member for their service to this congregation, I hope you will. They work very hard to make this congregation function at an

optimal level. I would love to add that they are doing a fantastic job! We are so blessed to have such gifted people in this congregation.

We have said some hard good-byes this past month: Ruth Finlay, Dolores de Sha, Bill Sargent, and Byron Bruner. We will continue to lift their families in prayer. We have also said "hello and welcome to the family" to two beautiful girls, Brianna Amber Bornzin and Isabella Joy Baumgard. We have experienced, and will continue to experience the circle of life, because **Christ is alive!**

***+Blessings+
Pastor Pam***

Dear CLC Family,

Your generous thoughts, words, prayers and cards have meant the world to us since the death of my father. This is a very loving congregation.

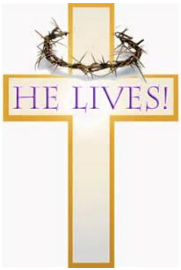
**With a warm thank you,
Matt Green**

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 15

11:00am

Church Social Hall



In our worship during the Easter season we proclaim the good news of Jesus resurrection: "Alleluia! Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" The message of Jesus victory over

death brings hope and healing while reminding us of God's love for us... **no matter what!**

Life can be full of "no matter what's"... when hope seems out of reach, dreams are clouded, laughter is silenced and burdens weigh us down. I believe it's in the **no matter what's** of life that we experience other resurrections – times when God's love breaks into our lives and our world and transforms us. It is in this type of resurrection in which the power of hope overcomes the drain of despair.



God's goal is for us to live in Easter where the truth about God is that God is good...all the time! In the **no matter what's**, can we live the truth of Easter – the resurrection – as a daily, even hourly, event? What if in the midst of a stressful meeting, or a challenging

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As always, this month there are many opportunities for outreach, service and – resurrection living- in and through the various ministries of our congregation. For a list of events and activities, information, updates and more, check the **Table Type Calendar** under the **Events** tab on our church website at www.christlutheranlb.com.

conversation, an on-going physical pain, an unresolved conflict or legal matter, or a lonely night, there is a flash of resurrection as Jesus shows up (in a variety of ways) to calm us, or guide us, relieve us or comfort us, or simply make us smile? Could this be the reality of our lives, more so than our frustrations and brokenness? Our **no matter what's** can remind us life is a series of resurrections coming straight from our loving God.

We are fortunate at Christ Lutheran Church to be aware of how God changes lives. As we worship together, share our lives with one another, find ways to help others and engage in meaningful ministry within our community, we experience God more deeply ... primarily because in having this mindset and intention, we are changed. In this, our **no matter what's** become opportunities for growth instead of struggle. This is resurrection living!



"Alleluia! Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

~ **Kenny**



Preschool News

Everyone had a wonderful time during the week of the young child last month. Parents and preschoolers alike were treated to special activities, treats and a pancake breakfast prepared and served by Charlie, the proprietor of **Avenue 3 Pizza**.

This month we will celebrate our dedicated teachers and of course, moms! The week of **May 2 through May 6, is Teacher Appreciation Week**. We will give special attention to the staff of our preschool in different ways throughout the week. This is a great opportunity to let your child's teacher know that you notice and value their commitment to all of the children here at CLP.

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.



On **Friday, May 6**, the preschool is hosting **Muffins and Mom from 7am-9am**. Each child invites their mom, grand mom, auntie or another significant woman in their life to be a guest for breakfast celebrating this special relationship.

Planning for our annual spring auction, "**Remembering Your Roots**" is coming along well. The auction and luncheon will be on **Sunday, May 22 from 11:30am-3pm** at The Grand Event Center. Tickets will be \$35 each until May 13 when they will increase to \$45. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5; the prize is 4 Disneyland Park-Hopper passes. Or you can choose to enter the 50/50 cash drawing. We are selling tickets on the patio after worship or you can contact Lisa in the preschool office to get them. We are also currently collecting donations. If you know any businesses that would be willing to donate, you can email me at info@clplb.com and I will send you a donation request letter.



Blessings for a Beautiful Month!

Lisa Clinton

“Loose Threads”



Loose Threads is a small group of sewers and quilters, who meet once a month, bring their sewing machines and a wide assortment of projects to work on. It’s having that dedicated time to work on a sewing project free from distractions that is not only nice, but fun when in the company of friends! We welcome all age levels and all degrees of sewing abilities to join us. Our next meeting date is **May 15-4PM in the Social Hall.** Call Chris Panos (562)986-4393 for more information.

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Bible STUDY
Join us!

Men’s Bible Study meets on the second Monday of each month. Please join us on Monday, May 9 at 7pm in the conference room.

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Christ Lutheran Youth News is now a separate attachment to the church newsletter. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office. 562.598.2433



SONS OF NORWAY

The Sons of Norway meet in CLC’s

Social Hall at noon on the second Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend their next meeting on **Saturday, May 14 at 12pm** to see what this cultural group is all about.

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Pray for Peace in the Middle East



Join Pastor Pam in the Sanctuary on the 24th of each month at 7pm to pray for

peace in this fragile and volatile area of the world. Raising our voices together in hope for respect and resolution is one way that we can support our brothers and sisters in this region.

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Church in Society Dates to Remember
Put these events on your calendar

May 5th	Church in Society Meeting
June 2nd	Church in Society Meeting
June 11th	Habitat Build in Inglewood
June 29 th	Christian Outreach in Action (COA) Dinner

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members at Home or in Care Centers:

Anne Bruner, Coleen & Spud Fenton,
Velma Fischer, Jean Johnson and Mikki
Nemnich.

Those struggling with illness or other

concerns: Justin Bartlow, Judy Haenn,
Dorothy Henriksen, Ione Marchael, Bary &
Janice Schlieder, Maggie Sutton.

Family & Friends:

Clara Caldwell,
Anthony Callaghan, Dan Cameron, Edi
Callas, Aubrey Cray, Anna Delgado, Nancy
Dionne, Rich Ducar, Kathy Goodwin,
Gabriel, Alberta Gray, Anne Harrington,
Bobbie Hoenig, Helen Horner, Leslie
Hoskins, Ted Howard, Kylie & Crystal
Huber, Katrina Lahr, Nana Leomiti,
Mabel Manzur, Denny Morrill, Steve
Nelson, Kristina & Steve Randolph, Virg,
Nohemy Ruiz, Jake Tackett Perry Taggart,
Rev. Paul Theiss, William Thomas, Janette
Velarde, Dick, Jenny & Steve West.

Those serving in our nation's military:

especially Samuel Brown, Rachel & Victor
Colon, Aaron Crayton, Nicholas Flournoy,
Richard Gallegos, Zachary Krog, John
Lamberton, Brittany Graham, Davis
McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn, Haley
Fessenden, Johnny Luna, Shawn McRae,
Emily Merritt, Michael Joseph Navarro, Jim
Reeder, Douglas Steelhammer, Jonah
Westcott, Joshua Wauchope.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people
of Colombia.



Happy Anniversary

- 5/7 Kristina and Rob Randig*
- 5/19 Carol and Ed Goller*
- 5/21 Renu and Marv Moon*
- 5/22 Cindy and Rob McGee*
- 5/29 Carole and Tom Parmeter-Dyer*



- 5/1 Karol Lemerond*
- 5/2 Robert McGee*
- 5/5 Tyler Cover*
- 5/7 Tom Parmeter-Dyer*
- 5/8 Katelyn Ramos*
- 5/10 Jessica Stamer*
- 5/11 Ron Nelson*
- 5/12 Chris Hunter*
- 5/12 Jennifer Kitano*
- 5/16 Carol Price*
- 5/18 Rich Oelschlaeger*
- 5/21 Olivia Petrbook*
- 5/23 Elisabeth (Willms) Jenkins*
- 5/24 Lauren Martin*
- 5/25 George Clayton*
- 5/27 Ivan Brown*
- 5/28 Max Johnson*
- 5/31 Scott Moon*



Thank you for the great quantity of products, purses and your continued support! Your generosity will help make Mother's Day special for struggling women in shelters, motels, transitional living and support programs. It can be done because of caring people like you.

Berd & Laura, Coordinators Joanie's Purse Project



Dear Long Beach Partners in faith,

We have a historic mission's opportunity coming up right in our own back yard. Over the next few years, Habitat LA will be building at least 50 new Habitat homes in the Washington neighborhood at 14th St. and Locust Ave. in Long Beach! With the need for housing more critical than ever in our city, what a difference this will make for more hardworking families in need of homes.

To build these homes however, we will need your help, prayers, and support. Will you join us for breakfast in a few weeks to learn more about how you and your congregation can put faith into action and be involved with this initiative? An official invitation is attached that you can use to help spread the word to pastors, mission's leaders, and others within your congregation. Hope to see you there!

*Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles
Long Beach Informational Breakfast at the Build Site Gathering
Saturday, May 14, 2016
9:30-11:30 AM
1332 Locust Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90240
RSVP to chrisu@habitatla.org by May 6
Breakfast generously sponsored by Thrivent Financial*

"In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord." - Ephesians 2:21



Help us build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

www.habitatla.org



Adult Education Opportunities for May, 2016

All are welcome!

May 1 Remembrance Day. A representative from Forest Lawn will join us after worship to lead a discussion on the practical steps that must be taken following the loss of a loved one. Did you know there are 150 questions you should be able to answer right now regarding the practical issues surrounding the loss of a spouse, parent or other family member? Join us as we learn the questions and see how many you can answer.

May 8 Mother's Day. We will gather in the social hall to make a flower craft and share stories/memories of our moms!

May 15 Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. All are welcome. If you're visiting CLC, join us and learn more about who we are and what we do!

May 22 Judy Haenn, our resident English Professor, will lead a discussion on one of her favorite short stories from literature. No pre-reading required, just show up, read the story and listen as Judy leads a discussion on character development and story line.

May 29 The California Primary is right around the corner - are you informed? Join Ron Nelson as he leads a discussion on politics, the candidates, our state and nation.

Adult Education will take a break from June - August.



Individuals interested in serving on a brand new Education Committee. Join Rebecca Green in brainstorming what our Adult Education offerings will be in the Fall! Not a big time commitment, just some help with planning! Talk with Rebecca after church or email her at hondogirl@gmail.com if you are interested

It is my honor to be called to serve as Stewardship Chairman for my CLC Family this year. The first three months of the year were very busy but I am now able to focus my attention on the tasks at hand and help to insure we, as a Congregation are engaged in our mission to serve Christ through whatever means we have available. So far, your generosity has helped to get the Church Budget off to a good start. For that, we are thankful. Please continue to give as you are able and consider giving just a little bit more when possible. There are many areas of the budget that can use a boost in order for our Church to thrive and share God's love in thanks for the blessings He provides.

Stewardship is a responsibility we all share. Each of us can contribute in many ways and it doesn't always have to be through money. We can use your Time and Talents, as well as your Treasure to carry out our Mission of Praising Jesus Christ through our actions and participation. There are many needs in our Church and our Community that you can help fulfill by giving your time and talents. Here are a few ways in which you can help while enjoying the feeling of contributing to and being part of your CLC Family:

- **Habitat for Humanity projects are underway. Volunteers are welcome to donate their time and talents to help prepare lunches and be a part of the CLC Team that participates in the building of housing for those in need. Ruth Benner and Kristine Trost will welcome your assistance toward this worthwhile and important cause. We also need monetary donations directed toward supporting our commitment to Habit for Humanity**
- **Be a Music Maker. We are blessed to have the Leadership of Kenny Callahan who can always use an extra voice and other assistance with the Choir, Praise Team and other musical contributions to our Worship.**
- **Mark your Calendar and come help with our Spring Campus clean up, paint up, fix up day on Saturday, May 21st. We can use any and all help available to help insure our Campus and Sanctuary are in tip top shape**
- **Lend a hand with the Altar Guild. Stephanie Petrbock is looking for a few good souls that can donate a few hours once every few months to help prepare our Church for Worship**
- **We are also seeking volunteers to serve as Ushers and Greeters, Readers and Communion Servers and to assist with Youth Programs and to participate in the myriad of activities that our Church sponsors.**

The needs are great; the possibilities are many. For more ideas, check out the CLC Website for ideas - <http://www.christlutheranlb.com/opportunities-to-serve/>

I welcome your help and your support. If you have any suggestions, questions or would like to contribute to our Stewardship efforts, please feel free to email me @ dougholdhusen@msn.com.

~ Doug Holdhusen

**2016 Synod Assembly and Day of Learning
“Welcome the Stranger”
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles
5985 W. Century Blvd.**

**Thursday, June 2
Day of Learning
Friday, June 3-Saturday, June 4
Workshops and Business Sessions**

Save the dates for this year’s Synod Assembly, which will be a beautiful time of Worship, Community, Learning Opportunities and Business. This is one of the only times within the year that our synod congregations come together as one church in one location, so we are making the most out of this opportunity. We are pleased to welcome our keynote speaker, Carlos E. Peña, vice president of the ELCA.

The theme for this year’s assembly is “Welcoming the Stranger”. Lutherans have a long history in this country of settling refugees, such as fleeing from dangerous situations like the war in Syria or from human rights violations in Central and South America. As part of the main body of the Evangelical Church in America, the Southwest California Synod supports a generous policy of welcome for refugees and immigrants as well as advocating for just immigration policies.

We are again offering a set of workshops, many of which feature our “Welcoming the Stranger” theme. Scheduled workshops include *How to be a Guardian Angel: Advocating for Migrant Children*, *Becoming a Dementia Friendly Congregation*, and *Called Forward Together in Christ: Listening to Church, Neighborhood, and God for Mission*. **Workshops will be held at the conference hotel, and you do not have to be registered for the Synod Assembly to attend.**

As an assembly service project, congregations are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food to benefit the ministries of: Pueblo de Dios, Fe y Esperanza, New City Parish and My Friends House.

See Pastor Pam if you are interested in becoming a CLC delegate or if you would like to attend the workshops separate from the assembly.

Vacation Bible School
June 27-July 1, 2016

9am-Noon

Cokesbury's

SURF SHACK

Catch the Wave of
God's Amazing Love

Christ Lutheran Church
Long Beach

Ages 4 years through
completion of 5th grade

Registration begins:
April 3

Please contact Aaron Tidwell with any ideas, suggestions or questions you may have. There will be another general planning meeting at 7:00pm on Monday, May 23. Please come to this meeting if you can help out with any aspect of this fun ministry.