

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 2 Peter 3.8

Does this passage of Scripture explain how we got to June already?!?! I honestly don't believe how fast this year is flying by! I've heard this comment from several other people, too!

As we move into the summer months, I am excited (and NOT surprised) that there is no stopping us, for we live out our Mission Statement – ***Christ is Alive!*** God's love doesn't take a vacation, so why should we? We have a busy June calendar, even without the "normal" program year activities. It's a tribute to who we are as the body of Christ!

We will be celebrating **Grad Sunday** on the 5th where we will celebrate our High School and College grads in worship. It's always so exciting to



see the beautiful quilts that have been made by a very talented group of people to commemorate High School grads, and a gift given to college grads.

I would like to offer a **New Member Class** on Sunday June 12 after worship. If you are interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran, or just want a quick refresher on what it means to be a Lutheran, please contact the Church Office to register. Class will be from 10:45 – 12:30 or so. It does move at a pretty fast pace, and we have a great time together! We will receive you as new members on Sunday, June 26th.



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Father's Day is on the 19th. We have a special gift for all the men in worship that morning as we thank God for our fathers and the men who have been like fathers to us.



On June 26, we will be commissioning our **Stephen Ministers**. Their dedication to completing the 50 hours of training is commendable! I know their gifts will be so helpful to our congregation, and to the community.

We will continue to have a **pick-up choir** on Sunday mornings through the month of June. So...if you've always wanted to sing in our choir, but couldn't make the Thursday night rehearsals...come and sing with us on Sunday morning!



Vacation Bible School will complete the activities of this month. We are taking registrations right now. If you would like to help with VBS, contact Aaron Tidwell...I know he'll have a job for you!

I am saddened to share with you that the trip to the Holy Land I had hoped to share with you in January of 2017 will have to be delayed due to the financial strain on our family because of Dave's extended unemployment. Maybe in the fall? We will have to see how things go.

+Blessings+
Pastor Pam



June brings the beginning of summer with its many changes and a sense of renewal. A certain playfulness enters life during summer months bringing a sense of enthusiasm and anticipation of change. Schools are in recess, children are easily seen outside enjoying recreation and fun. Adults find reason to plan trips exploring new places and visiting loved ones. In some ways June begins a time of turning the regular patterns of life upside down as we participate in a different style of living.



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At church we experience the season of Pentecost: the green season. In worship the liturgical focus of Pentecost is growth and spiritual transformation. During the month of June we will hear readings of God's faithfulness, love, peace, forgiveness, hope and grace active in the lives of those in the church at Corinth. In hearing these stories, we are reminded that in faith God acts with power to change lives. We will also be reminded that Jesus didn't choose flashy, brilliant, successful, impressive people to do his work. Jesus worked, and continues to work, through the everyday experiences in the lives of people like you and me. We in turn have the joy of sharing this with others.



Fellowship hour As people are out-and-about experiencing the joys of summer be aware of visitors and people new to worship. Invite your friends, co-workers and summer guests to worship with you. Warm smiles, inviting handshakes, and gentle hugs help visitors feel welcome. Invite a visitor(s) to sit with you during worship and invite him/her to join you for coffee at Holy Grounds. In welcoming and inviting people to our church we do the work of God. People everywhere need to hear the message of God's love, forgiveness and healing through Jesus. When we reach out to those around us with God's love we bring renewal, hope, peace and love. This is the message of Pentecost and the power of the Gospel.



Summer is a great time to provide **special music** at worship. Send me an email at godguykenny@gmail.com, call the church office or let me know at worship if you would like to select a date to sing a solo, play an instrument or be part of a musical group.

During the month of June, all are welcome to participate in **Summer Choir**. Come to a fun, pick-up rehearsal Sunday mornings at 8:45 to review music for worship. This is a great way to participate in worship and experience the blessing of singing in a group.

This month there are many activities/events serving as opportunities for outreach. Review the June calendar on our church website under the 'Events' tab at www.christlutheranlb.com for a list of activities/events, dates, times and location. Be sure to also visit the 'News' tab for specific event information. Do you have an activity/event in mind? Let us know so we can help make it happen!

~*Kenny*

The Society Page

The Campbell Soup Label program will be discontinued on July 31, 2016. The Lutheran Navajo Mission receives labels from all over the country. Over the years the piles of carefully clipped labels have added up to at least 8 new vehicles, along with tables, chairs, school supplies, and much, much more. Labels received and recorded prior to July 31 can still count toward valuable resources for the Mission and School. The Campbell Soup Label program has been a God-send to Navajo Lutheran Mission. The benefits to the Navajo people are more than can be numbered. Please accept our sincere gratitude for the many dedicated individuals who have participated.

P.S. You can still bring in the “Box Tops for Education” from General Mills.



Habitat Build

Please contact Ruth Benner @ 562 833-0709 if you are interested in working at the build on Saturday, June 11.

The President's Awards

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California cordially invites you to join them for the inaugural President's Awards Champagne Brunch

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Saturday, June 11th from 10:00am – 12:00pm

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Ron Nelson is coordinating an effort to secure a Christ Lutheran, Long Beach table at the event. Please contact him if you would like to attend to thank and honor Ruth.

KAREN WYRICK IS HONORED

Offered by Don Darnauer

Our own longtime CLC member, Karen Wyrick, was recently honored by the Long Beach Senior Citizen Advisory Commission for her years of work as an advocate and counselor for PFLAG (Parents, family and friends of lesbians and gays). About 26 years ago, when Pastor Wally Berton served us here at Christ Lutheran, Karen helped form the first PFLAG chapter in Long Beach to help confused and distressed gays and lesbians and their families and friends, cope with their situation. They held their monthly meetings at CLC for a long time until moving to a downtown location.

Karen served as President of PFLAG for over 17 years until finally stepping down to currently serve as Vice President. She further served in many other roles, such as moderator at local meetings, which is an extremely sensitive role, because she must gently guide everyone involved through personal discussions and yet place a heightened awareness and acceptance of the LGBTQ community. Karen remains as the chapter's point-of-contact in the greater Long Beach area and has spent countless hours counseling gays, lesbians, and their distressed parents, family members and friends through their own coming out process. She served on PFLAG's Speakers Bureau, an outreach part of the larger PFLAG organization, that helps provide dialogue about the LGBTQ community. In spite of advancing age and health issues, she remains involved in many other aspects of LGBTQ activities and can be seen each year riding in the Long Beach Pride Parade.

Karen has done all of these things while being a single mother, raising her two boys here at CLC, volunteering for other church duties, and having a full time career as Executive Director of the Rotary Club of L.B. for 33 years until her 2012 retirement. Oh yes, she was also Executive Secretary of the American Cancer Society for 8 years.

We at CLC are grateful for Karen's truly Christ-like attitude and work. We are thankful for her membership and influence here, and applaud her for this special well deserved recognition.

CLC Graduate Bios



Ben Koch is graduating from Millikan High School where he received Medals of Merit in World Language, Calculus and Science. While in high school Ben was also a 4 year member of the swim and water polo teams. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America and has achieved the Eagle Scout Award, which included his gift to Christ Lutheran of an arbor at the north entrance to the campus off of Stearns Street. Before beginning his studies in Engineering at UCLA this fall, Ben will enjoy a vacation in Cancun and work as a lifeguard at Soak City.

Daniel Peralta graduates from Lakewood High School on June 16. He has been on the water polo and swim teams for four years and has received numerous awards including Most Outstanding Player and Athlete of the Season. Daniel also plays water polo with International Water Polo Club, in Los Alamitos. This summer, he will continue to compete with IWPC, work part time and enjoy a couple of vacations with his family. In the fall he will attend McKendree University in Illinois, where he will study Criminal Justice and has been recruited to play on the Bearcats water polo team.

Laura Tidwell will graduate from Warren High School in Downey where she received the Character Counts: Responsibility award, a Golden Bear award in English and Athletics, a Bronze Bear, and a Varsity Scholar Athlete award. While in high school Laura played on the tennis team and ran numerous events for the track and field team. This summer she will continue her track and field training and has plans to work part time. She will enter California Polytechnic University-Pomona to study Technology Systems in the fall.

Erin Tidwell will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the University of California – Davis this month. While at UCD, Erin played intramural basketball and was the treasurer of the Pre Physical Therapy Club. She plans to apply to graduate school this summer while working in the PT field as a physical therapy aide.



Preschool News

In April we celebrated Week of the Young Child with a Western day with pony rides and pictures, a safety day with fingerprinting and police visit, a sensory/messy day and a parent appreciation pancake breakfast prepared by Charlie from Avenue 3 Pizza. On Friday, we all took a field trip to El Dorado Park where we played and had our picnic lunch. This was a very fun and busy week that ended with a special Preschool Sunday. Christ Lutheran's worship was planned especially for our preschool students and their families and we had an amazing turn out! The children performed some of the songs they sing weekly in chapel with Mr. Aaron and in Music Makers with Mr. Kenny. They were even able to observe an infant baptism while standing around the font.

Our annual auction, "Remembering Your Roots" was on Sunday, May 22 at The Grand Event Center. We had 83 auction baskets, a drink raffle, garden lottery game, a Disneyland and 50/50 raffle, and our fund- an - item auction to raise money for new nap mats. We were able to raise about \$9000, which will go far in providing the kids with specialized art and craft projects, experiences with outside groups that bring science, animals and other exciting programs



to our campus. We make every effort to keep fundraising efforts to a minimum so this one annual event is critical in providing the children with, not only these fun activities but equipment and materials needed for our everyday operations. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to those parents and staff who donated their time, raffle items and organizational skills to making this event a success!



Now our focus is on graduation and the end of the year program coming up on Wednesday, June 22. We also have some fun planned for the summer session.

Stay tuned!
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 **June 12 at 12:00pm 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 will be taking a break for the summer. Watch the church calendar, newsletter and website

for fall startup date.

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Church in Society Dates to Remember	
Put these events on your calendar	
June 2nd	Church in Society Meeting
June 11th	Habitat Build in Inglewood
June 29th	Christian Outreach in Action (COA) Dinner

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, June 11 at 12pm** to see what this cultural group is all about. Sons of Norway takes a break in July and August. Please plan to come to their fall meeting on September 10.

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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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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 and Maggie Sutton.

Family & Friends:

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

Those serving in our nation's military:

Samuel Brown, Rachel & Victor Colon, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, Nicholas Flournoy, Richard Gallegos, Zachary Krog, John Lambertson, 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

- 6/8 *Mary and George Clayton*
- 6/10 *Victoria and Hugo Paez*
- 6/12 *Sue and Roger Bredenkamp*
- 6/12 *Jennifer and Scott Ostergren*
- 6/14 *Angie and Mike Freligh*
- 6/23 *Linda and Sergio Peralta*
- 6/25 *Donna and Max Johnson*
- 6/25 *Chris and Rick Panos*
- 6/27 *Gen and Aaron Tidwell*



- 6/2 *Megan Lowther*
- 6/2 *Lindsey Wilcox*
- 6/3 *Maggie Fitzpatrick*
- 6/4 *Kristina Randig*
- 6/4 *Kit Snider*
- 6/8 *Kim Croes*
- 6/10 *Roger Halvorson*
- 6/11 *Ethan Thomas*
- 6/14 *Michael Elliott*
- 6/16 *Marcos Zumaya*
- 6/17 *Parker Treat*
- 6/20 *Lowell Benner*
- 6/21 *Joe Curel*
- 6/22 *Faith Timney*
- 6/23 *Jasmine Harris*
- 6/23 *Mikki Nemnich*
- 6/27 *Rick McGee*
- 6/28 *Teresa Lowther*
- 6/29 *Casey Burkard*
- 6/30 *Laura Innes*

News from Linda and the Kogi people

For security reasons please do not post this information on a web page. PLEASE include this security warning if you share this by email for prayer support

As Bible translators our dream as well as goal is not only to translate God's Word into the language of the people group God called us to serve, but to see it in use by those who speak this language. What a joy it was to see with my own eyes, while I was in the Kogi area a month ago, that the Kogis are using God's Word both in written and in audio format.



Nearly all of the Kogis show up early for church services. While they sit and wait they open their New Testaments to read the Word. When reading to themselves Kogis tend to read softly out loud – wow to hear many gathered around reading certainly thrilled this Bible translator! Several are also beginning to underline or highlight passages. While visiting one family I was concerned that the New Testament had already lost its cover. When I commented about it the

husband told me it was the copy he took to the farm with him to read when he took a break which is why it is so beat up. It was a joy to see many New Testaments looking a bit “beat up” from use during the 15 months since they received them 😊



Those who are not able to read are making wonderful use of the audio New Testament. I was quite amazed by one gal who can nearly quote passages she has heard on the audio N.T. Several of the newer believers cannot read, but are determined to learn to read so that they can not only listen to, but also read the New Testament. One young lady told me “I want to be able to read God's Word for myself so I can be absolutely sure ‘It is the truth!’”

Even readers like to have the N.T. available in audio format to listen to as they walk long hours on the trail or while they work. The Kogis would love to have Christian music available as well so we are working on how to make that happen. For those who have cell phones they will soon have the Kogi N.T. available to use on their phones as well.

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On Easter morning I slipped in the back door of the church while the worship team and those participating in the service were busy preparing. It thrilled me to see them using the New Testament as they prepared to lead the service. Those who were not practicing at that moment were sitting around reading the Word.

One father told me how his seven year old son, Ruben, reads and reads the New Testament. If he doesn't understand a difficult concept he asks his father about it. Ruben read me a passage from Galatians and I was amazed not only at how well he could read it as Kogi words are long, but that he was able to answer when I asked him about what he had understood from it. This is a link to him reading Galatians 1.6-9 in Kogi:



[https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/134631664/Ruben%20Galata s.mp4](https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/134631664/Ruben%20Galata%20s.mp4)



On a personal note. On April 11, I was dismayed to learn that there was an increase in the amount of fluid under my left retina caused by "wet" macular degeneration which necessitated an urgent shot into that eye. It seems this is the worst my eye has been in the 15 months since I began needing the intraocular injections. I must now again have injections every 4 weeks rather than every 6 weeks 😞 I would appreciate you joining me in prayer that my eyes will stabilize and improve.

Rejoice with us at how the Kogi New Testament is being used by Kogi believers, and also please pray with us that its use will spread to the widely separated Kogi villages in the mountains and the Kogis who live there who have not yet heard a clear presentation of the gospel message. We are thrilled that the audio New Testament is being listened to in several of these villages. Pray that the listeners will understand the message of God's Word and be drawn to Jesus,

Linda for your Kogi brothers and sisters

The Story of the Woven Image Sewing Institute Provided by Carole and Tom Parmeter-Dyer

The offering money collected during the Woven Image concerts held here at Christ Lutheran and at other local churches goes to a very special group of women and children in Hyderabad, India. We became connected with these people through Reverend Doctor Victor Luther Nakka, a Lutheran pastor from India who came to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1997 as a research scholar for one year. Carole was studying for her Master of Divinity degree at the same time and both Victor and Carole lived in the school dormitory.

When Victor returned home to his wife Jansey and their three children, he wrote to Carole and Tom about the plight of the people living in the slum of Lenin Nagar who made up his parish. The women and men are from the dalit (untouchable) caste and suffer from extreme poverty and malnutrition. The men work in the rock quarries and suffer from t.b., ulcers and other diseases. Victor urged us to use our gifts to help his people, reminding us of our calling as followers of Jesus to help those in need.

The Woven Image Sewing Center was established in 1998. With only four hundred dollars, five sewing machines were purchased along with materials for teaching. In 1999, more money was sent; teacher's salaries were paid, and a school was started for the children. We have sent money every year since, and a health clinic and nurse training program were added in 2005. In 2009, two more sewing centers were added, and in 2010 a school principal and a second pastor were hired! This is truly a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit among us! The objective of the Woven Image Sewing Institute is to train the women of Pastor Nakka's parish so that they can become self-reliant and empowered. We thank you for your generous gifts and ask that you keep the women, children and men of Pastor Nakka's parish in your prayers. It is amazing what we can do together, with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Nakka writes, "You are our refuge, strength and source of help. I feel the burden for all those who are working at the Institute. Women are empowered because of you and your team. Your talents and your voices have the power of giving life for people who lack resources and opportunities to stand on their own. These life-giving efforts have no substitute. Christ's blessings to you all."

Reverend Doctor Nakka passed away on April 15th in India. We are deeply saddened by this news, and will continue to support the women and children of this parish in the coming years. Our former percussionist, Alan Cook, had this to say about our dear friend Victor: "Pastor Victor was a dear man, a lover of life and all people, who shone a great light that guided and inspired so many to live a better life. He was the distant director of the group known as Woven Image, its heart and its purpose reflected his own. I am grateful for all that has grown from the seeds he has sown."

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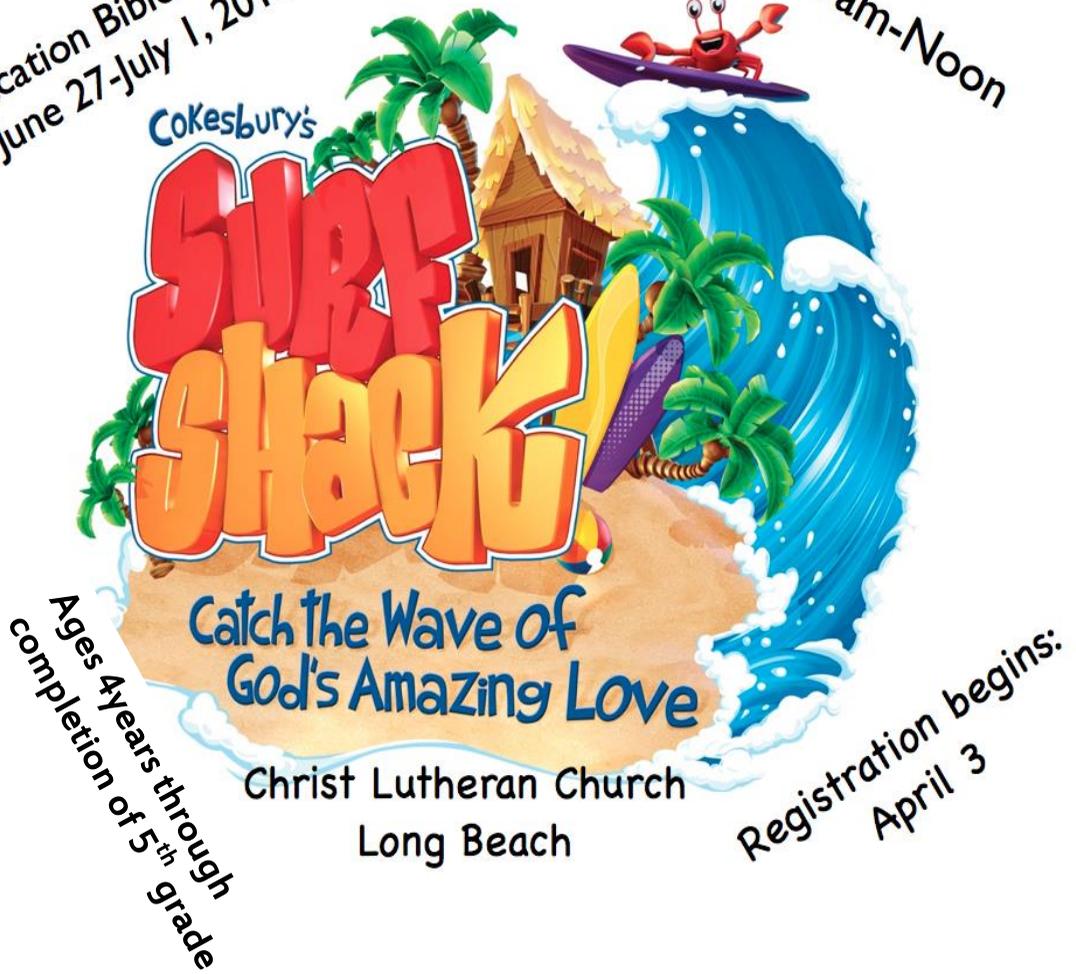
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The classified page

Book Club Opportunity:

Pastor Pam is hosting an evening of discussion for the book entitled, How to Be Here: A Guide to Creating a Life Worth Living, by Rob Bell. If you would like to participate, please read this book and make plans to be in the conference room at church on **Monday, June 20 @7:00pm.**

Opportunity is knocking again...

Kenny is looking for **anyone and everyone** who would like to sing with a pick up group on Sunday mornings in June. Maybe you weren't able to make it to a regular choir practice but have dreamt of being up front, leading worship songs, maybe you don't feel that you are "choir" material but loudly sing hymns when no one's around; whatever your motivation...you are invited to sing, sing, sing! **If this is for you, simply arrive at church at 8:45am Sunday mornings and you will be on your way.**

Please keep an eye out for donation boards in the narthex or on the patio for the next few weeks. We will be collecting snack items and materials for arts and crafts for **Vacation Bible School**. With your contributions, we are able to keep the cost for VBS very low and affordable for many in our local community. There are a few things that we would love to borrow from you for the week of VBS: **any surfboards and boogie boards that won't be in the ocean that week and easy up shade canopies.**

Updates to the church directory coming

Please contact the office with any changes to your email address, home address and any phone numbers you want to add or update. We will be providing updated contact information in early July. **Please get us your changes by June 19.**