



Pastor Pam's Pennings

September 2016
Volume 60, Issue 9

Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. Galatians 4:9-10

Special days – that is what September is all about! We begin another program year with all kinds of special days ready to go! We have been planning and plotting days and dates to be ready to launch an exciting, event-filled, program season!

I hope some of you took the time to watch the Churchwide Assembly on livestream last month. It was an event-packed time in New Orleans. You can read the actions of the assembly in another part of this newsletter. I am very pleased that all of the Memorials from the Synods were passed without issue, including from our own Synod Assembly in May.

Confirmation is ready to go! September 7 is the Parent Orientation at 7pm.

Confirmation itself begins on September 14 at 5:30 – 7:30. It's going to be a great year as the major focus will be on the New Testament and Lutheran Living.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 11. After worship, we will move into the Social Hall and put together "thank you" baskets for our first responders. This can include your favorite snack, candy, or treat. Baskets will be available for collecting items. We will also write cards and notes of appreciation.

Our quarterly Congregational Meeting is scheduled for September 18 after worship. We will be discussing a lot of important issues that impact this congregation's future. Please plan to attend! September 18 is National Back to Church Sunday! I hope you will invite people to come to worship!

The Fall Conference Assembly will be held at Christ Lutheran, Downey on Tuesday, September 20 starting at 6:30pm. It's always a great time to gather as the Greater Long Beach congregations and hear news and updates from the Synod and other congregations.

Fall Work Day at Church is scheduled for September 24 from 9 – noon. Greg Koch and Marvin Moon have a list of things to be accomplished. The more hands, the better! Faith Stepping Stones is scheduled and ready to go. See the table for your child's time. This ministry has been going on for years and I am very happy to be able to continue it. You will also be receiving a letter from me about two weeks before each Stepping Stone begins. Check to see if your child has all the symbols, if not; join the session to get caught up! Please feel free to call, email or text me with any questions.

Stone	Number of Weeks	Symbol	Subject	2016-17 Dates
3 Year Stone	2	Children's Hands	Praying Together	9/25-10/9
4 Year Stone	2	Jesus & the Children	The Keys	10/9-10/23
Kindergarten Stone	2	Adult Hands	The Lord's Prayer	10/23-11/6
1st Grade Stone	2	10 Commandments	10 Commandments	11/6-11/20
2nd Grade Stone	2	Lamp	What's Fair?	1/8-1/22
3rd Grade Stone	2	Bible	The Bible	1/22-2/12
4th Grade Stone	3	Trinity Symbol	Apostle's Creed	2/12-3/5
5th Grade Stone	3	Luther Rose	Martin Luther	3/5-3/26

I am excited to be going to Illinois for several days to care for our two youngest grandchildren while their mom and dad go to a conference in Hawaii. Though this means I will be missing several "start days," I know I can catch up. I do ask for your prayers...it's been a long time since I've had the privilege of caring for a 4 year old and a 6 year old on my own!!!

How's that for a busy September? Check out the other staff pages for their start-ups and events, too!

Many blessings to you all!!!

Pastor Pam

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we are settling into our new roles sharing the position of Director of Music and Worship, we are thankful for so many things!

- Thankful for old friends who made music with us when we were the musicians here in the 1990's!
- Thankful for new friends that welcomed us warmly when we returned after I (Carole) went on leave from call after serving as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Orange.
- Thankful for Pastor Pam and Kenny welcoming us with open arms and "getting" that we just needed a place to worship and recover, and that Aidan had a place to be in confirmation and make new friends too.

And now it seems like life coming around full circle, we are here again at CLC to help create a worship experience filled with music, beauty, joy and lament, and to create a space where everyone is welcome to experience the presence of the Holy.

We are excited about Chancel Choir, Praise Team and Handbell Choir starting up in September, and have had a great time leading the Summer Worship Choir! **Thanks to everyone who participated and to all of you who shared your musical gifts for special music!**

We need new and old singers to join the Chancel Choir and Praise Team! If you have ever wanted to sing in a group, try us out! After three or four rehearsals you will know if it is for you! Experience in choir singing not necessary, you will learn as you go. All you need is a love of singing, and a willing heart!

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing again on Thursday, September 8th, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, directed by Carole and accompanied by Tom. The Praise team will meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

The CLC Handbell Choir will be moving to Thursdays for the fall starting September 8th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary Loft. New members welcome! Please call Tom at [562-208-9671](tel:562-208-9671) with your questions.

Save the date for our annual Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 8th at 3pm. We are excited to be leading music at CLC! Come join a choir! Bring a friend!

Peace and Hope, *Carole and Tom*
Interim Directors of Music and Worship

Dates to save!

September 8 th	6pm – Handbell Choir begins	7pm – Chancel Choir begins – Every Thursday
October 15 th	10am-12:30pm – Saturday Christmas Concert Rehearsal	
November 19 th	10am-12:30pm – Saturday Christmas Concert Rehearsal	
December 10 th	9am-12:00pm – Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	
December 11 th –	3pm – CLC Christmas Concert – Followed by Soup Supper	



Preschool News



Our summer of "Exploring the Wonders of Nature" has come to an end and now we are ready to kick off our new school year! We had so much fun in August with a visit from Pump and Splash (water wheels, pumps, waterways, etc.), the Scripture Lady for a special Chapel time, the Blue Submarine ocean animals, Jurassic Parties reptiles, a gardener who helped each class plant a square in our garden on the playground, and a bounce house for our last day of summer celebration.



We closed for a week and the teachers worked hard to get classrooms and equipment cleaned, supplies replenished and organized and lesson plans ready for the fall session. Your children are going to have the best time learning and growing with new friends.

Fall session begins on Tuesday, September 6. We welcome a handful of new families as well as our returning families.



Back to school night will be Monday, September 26 at 6:30pm when we will have the opportunity to get to know all of our families a little better.

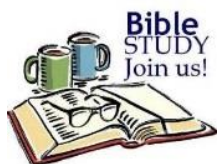
Blessings for a beautiful fall!
Lisa Clinton

"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 **September 11 at 12:00pm in the Social Hall.** Call Chris Panos (562)986-4393 for more information.

+++++



Bible STUDY
Join us!

Men's Bible Study Meets on the second Monday of each month. Men of all ages are welcome to meet in the

conference room on September 12 at 7:00pm.

+++++

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 meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. Please plan to come to their first fall meeting on September 10.

+++++

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members at Home or in Care Centers:

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

Those struggling with illness or other concerns:

Justin Bartlow, Laurie Ennen, Judy Haenn, Dorothy Henriksen, Ione Marchael, Chris Nelson, Bary and Janice Schlieder.

Family & Friends:

Ellen Benner, Melanie Baggao, Anthony Callaghan, Edi Callas, Nancy Dionne, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Anne Harrington, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Ted Howard, Kylie & Crystal Huber, William Jacobsen, Doris Jung, Audrey Rae Jimenez, Katrina Lahr, Doris List, Barbara McKinney, Mabel Manzur, Steve Nelson, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Nohemy Ruiz, Debra Sarvela, Perry Taggart, Janette Velarde, Dick, Jenny & Steve West and Gary Zimmerman.

Those serving in our nation's military:

Samuel Brown, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, 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, Steven Andrew Navarro, Jim Reeder, Sophie Schade, Douglas Steelhammer, Jonah Westcott, Joshua Wauchope.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.



Happy Anniversary

- 9/1 Phyllis and Ron Kay*
- 9/10 Kim and Frank Croes*
- 9/19 Barbi and Don Darnauer*
- 9/27 Laurel and Adam Elliott*



- 9/1 Mary Sargent*
- 9/2 Linda Clark*
- 9/2 Brandon Petrбок*
- 9/3 Ricardo Espinoza*
- 9/6 James Dodd*
- 9/6 Nicholas Jenkins*
- 9/7 Chris Panos*
- 9/8 Sue Bredenkamp*
- 9/8 Dorothy Henriksen*
- 9/8 Eric Willms*
- 9/10 Pam Challis*
- 9/10 Susan Stewart*
- 9/12 Nathan Latiolait*
- 9/14 Hannah Rodrigues*
- 9/18 Don Darnauer*
- 9/18 Donna Johnson*
- 9/18 Emily Randig*
- 9/19 Amanda Paez*
- 9/20 Ashley Cover*
- 9/21 Jonah Koch*
- 9/25 Kameko Flournoy*
- 9/25 Kathy Treat*
- 9/27 Wendy Espinoza*
- 9/28 Linda Peralta*
- 9/29 Samantha McGee*
- 9/30 Matthew Timney*



MEN'S ADVANCE

2016

OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2016

AT EL CAMINO PINES



THE MASCULINE JOURNEY

This year's **Men's Advance** will be different! A new format will be used including opportunities for **small group discussions** and **individual reflection** on the stories of Jacob, Paul and Jesus, **seeking what it means to be men of faith.** Join us!

Our weekend guide: Rev. Greg Ronning

Greg is the Mission Developer and Pastor at "The Table," an emergent styled faith community in Orange County. Greg served as the Campus Pastor at Texas Lutheran University from 1993 - 2014.



For detailed information and reservations visit our website

www.mens-advance.org



A Powerful Time of Personal Growth

In addition to



Fellowship



Food



Poker



Golf



Hiking



Beer Making

See schedule of events on the reverse.



THE MASCULINE JOURNEY

Men's Advance 2016 Schedule

Sessions are interactive and include small group discussions.

Friday 10/14

- 9 am - 4 pm Camp Work Day
- 11 am - 4 pm Golf - Pine Mountain Club
- 4 pm Registration
- 6 pm Evening Meal
- 7 pm Introduction to the Weekend
- 8 pm Beer Making - Theology Pub

Saturday 10/15

- 7 am Rise and Shine
- 8 am Breakfast
- 9 am **Session 1 The Masculine Journey: Jacob and Esau**
- 11 am **Session 2 Wilderness Activities**
- Noon Lunch
- 1 pm **Session 3 The Masculine Journey: Jesus**
- 3 pm Free Time or Organized Activities; Pastors Group
- 5:30 pm BBQ
- 7:00 pm **Session 4 The Masculine Journey: St. Paul**
- 9 pm Poker or Theology Pub with Pastor Greg

Sunday 10/16

- 7 am Rise and Shine
- 8 am **Session 5 Your Story of Becoming a Man of Faith**
- Around Tables with Breakfast, Conversation, and Worship**
- 10 am Pack up and go home

SAVE THE DATE!

First Annual
***South Bay Salties* Fall Benefit Concert**



*In remembrance of **Mike Gibson**
& the support of addiction and recovery awareness.*

October 15, 2016 @ 7pm

**Faith Hall, First Lutheran Church & School
2900 W Carson St. | Torrance, CA 90503-6005**

Suggested donation: \$20

Net proceeds benefit the
Thelma McMillen Center
For Chemical Dependency Treatment, Torrance, CA

Co-sponsored by the Southwest California Synod
Recovery & Spirituality Task Force

Contact: Pastor Dan Gibson
Dwgibson61@gmail.com | (323) 291-7095

Voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) approved a number of key actions during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans Aug. 8-13. The assembly is the highest legislative authority of the church.

The 945 voting members:

- Elected William B. Horne II vice president of the ELCA.
- Accepted the “Declaration on the Way,” a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. At the heart of the document are 32 "Statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences on topics about church, ministry and the Eucharist. The document also presents the differences that remain.
- Approved AMMPARO – the ELCA’s strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. The ELCA developed this strategy based on commitments to uphold and guarantee the basic human rights and safety of migrant children and their families; to address the root causes of migration in countries from Central America’s Northern Triangle and Mexico and the treatment of migrants in transit; to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.; to engage as a church with all of its companions, affiliates and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes; and to advocate for migrant children and their families.
- Approved the Ministry of Word and Service roster. Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service. The accompanying constitutional amendments related to the roster were also considered and approved by the assembly.
- Approved the 2017-2019 budget proposal. The budget includes a 2017 current fund spending authorization of \$65,296,005 and a 2017 ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$24.8 million; a 2018 current fund income proposal of \$64,057,220 and a 2018 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; a 2019 current fund income proposal of \$64,151,175 and a 2019 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; and authorizes the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.
- Approved various memorials – or proposals – from the ELCA’s 65 synods. In addition to memorials considered “en bloc,” the assembly separately approved the following: deepening relationships with historic Black churches; toward a responsible energy future; repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery; peace with justice in the Holy Land; justice for the Holy Land through responsible investment; African Descent Lutherans; call to discernment on U.S. foreign and military policy; welcoming refugees; and supporting military personnel, veterans and their families.
- Elected members to serve on: Church Council, Portico Benefits Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline and Nominating Committee.
- Adopted amendments to the ELCA Constitution, updates are available at download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Legislative_Updates_for_the_2016_Churchwide_Assembly.pdf.



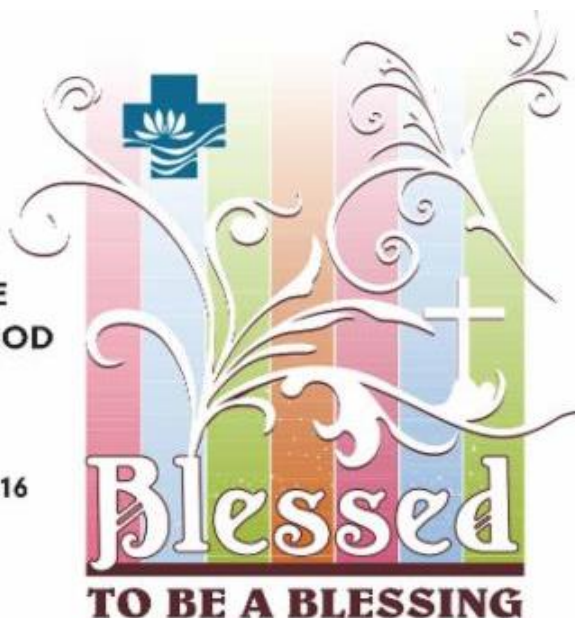
*I will make of you a great nation, and I will
bless you, and make your name great, so that
you will be a blessing.*

— Genesis 12:2 NRSV

THE 19TH CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA

2016 Friday afternoon, October 14
through noon, Sunday, October 16

GRAND VISTA HOTEL
999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley



BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Rev. Erin Martinson, CHTP, Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ventura
Certified Healing Touch Practitioner and Spiritual Development Coach

CHAPLAIN & WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Nancy Switzler, Pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard

CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE - TBA

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Women from Southwest California Synod churches are urged to
send a representing delegate

WEEKEND PACKAGES AVAILABLE

See registration form or contact Julie Jensen, convention registrar:
921 Gill Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Questions: Contact Julie at juliejnsn1@roadrunner.com
or phone (805) 486-5762

We pray that this convention may be led by the Holy Spirit to mobilize women to ACT BOLDLY on their
faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you there.