



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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*Daniel said: "Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his. <sup>21</sup>He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. Daniel 2:16-26*

Daniel's story is such an amazing one. He was taken from his homeland upon its defeat and placed in the King Nebuchadnezzar's court in Babylon where he was taught and trained. He and his three friends never gave up their faith in the One True God, even though they were given some very deadly reasons to do so. Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he would not stop praying at the appointed time. He came out without a scratch. Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach), and Azariah (Abednego) were thrown in to a fiery furnace where they were joined by a fourth figure as they danced around in the flames. I believe I can state for a fact that not one of us has ever been tested like Daniel! Something for which we can all be grateful!

A shaky faith in a loving God, brought a German monk named Martin Luther to his knees. He tried to work out his faith in many ways and eventually had his eyes opened when he was studying the book of Romans for lecture purposes as he taught at the University of Wittenberg. *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is*

*written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:17.*

This verse changed his world! How? Come to the Adult Education classes I will be teaching on Martin Luther on October! I will conclude these classes by showing the movie *Luther* here at church on October 29, time and space to be determined by your interest.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will be celebrating the Reformation at church with a hotdog and bratwurst lunch after church. Anyone for some beer? 😊

It is not too early to think about, and arrange your schedules to attend our **50/60 Celebration on November 5!** This will be a wonderful catered affair for us to celebrate the Preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> years of serving children in Long Beach, and our congregation's 60 years! Invite people who you know that have been part of our preschool or church to join our festivities!

On **November 6**, Bishop Erwin will be here to celebrate with us All Saint's Day. We will be

remembering all of those who have gone to their heavenly reward. We will also be celebrating my third anniversary of installation! New paraments are coming and it's going to be beautiful and fun and oh so appropriate for our space!

Please plan on attending these days of celebration! Clear your calendars today to attend these two special Sundays, so you can be part of the celebration!

**Steadfast faith:**

- It saved Daniel and his friends from peril while in captivity.
- It helped Martin Luther understand God's grace and to start the Protestant Reformation.
- It created our congregation and preschool.
- It sustains us.

**God is so good!  
+Blessings+  
Pastor Pam**

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**Grief is not easy but every one of us has to deal with grief and loss at one time or another. Having a listening ear, loving arms and prayer around us during this time is valuable and can be life-changing as we move forward.**

**For those who have lost a loved one – whether it be six months or sixty years ago – there is help and hope: we are starting a grief support group at Christ Lutheran in Long Beach. This grief support group is Biblically-based and meets weekly with materials that specifically address topics and issues for those who are dealing with grief and loss.**

**You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. You will be prayed for and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult season of your life.**

**The group will be led by Constance Berg, a Grief Counselor with certification through Talbot Seminary. An author and former social worker, Constance is a graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and has done graduate work at Fuller Seminary.**

**Grief Share support group will meet on [Thursday mornings from 10-1130am beginning on October 13](#) at Christ Lutheran Church 6500 E. Stearns Street in Long Beach (south side of Stearns between Palo Verde and Studebaker).**

**The cost for the class is \$25 for materials although scholarships will be offered. Please feel free to call Constance Berg at 661-428-8723 if you have any questions.**

**May God's love continue to comfort and strengthen you.**

From the Interim Directors of Music and Worship  
Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer

Fall is an exciting time in the life of the church! You will notice Sunday worship enriched with more music, the sounds of choir and bells, organ and drums, as we move into autumn.

We have started rehearsals with the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir and are still welcoming new members. Please talk to Tom Parmeter Dyer if you would like to join the Handbell Choir which meets on Thursdays at 6pm in the sanctuary loft. If you would like to try out singing in the Chancel Choir just show up Thursday night at 7pm in the church sanctuary. You can try us out!

We are happy to announce that the Praise Team is starting rehearsals again and are accepting new members! Rehearsals will be twice a month after worship from 10:45 am – 11:30 am (9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 11/27, 12/4) Tom Parmeter Dyer will be leading this group with Roger Halvorson on keyboards. Speak with Tom or just show up to the first rehearsal!

We are getting ready to celebrate **Reformation Sunday in worship on October 30<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a “high church” celebration with organ, piano, choirs, bells and brass! This is an important day for Lutherans as we remember where we came from, and the theology that still shapes us and calls us to be a church of reformation – ever changing, ever new!

**On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints Day** in worship with our bishop, Guy Erwin, preaching. As we remember the saints who came before, you are invited to bring photos of the saints in your life who have passed away. We will have a place to remember and to light candles as we pray for our departed loved ones.

Lastly, save the date for our annual Christmas Concert which will feature all of our choirs, praise team, preschool and Kaleidoscope kids! **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** in the sanctuary! Invite your friends and neighbors! A soup supper will be served after the concert.

Peace and Hope,  
Carole and Tom



# The Social Page

**You're invited!**

**Lutheran Social Services of Southern California** would like to invite you to the **President's Awards breakfast honoring Ruth Foelber & Friends**. This **complimentary** event will take place at **10:00 AM on November 5th at The Grand Long Beach, 4101 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90815**. The event will end promptly by **11:30 AM**. During the event, LSS clients will share stories of how their lives have changed for the better thanks in part to your support and the programs and services at LSS Long Beach Community Care Center. The event will include a public ask for support with a private response with no obligation to give. LSS hopes that you will join us for this inspirational breakfast that will uplift and inspire you. If you would like to attend, please contact **Ron Nelson to RSVP**.

## **God's Work, Our hands.**

On Sunday, September 11, the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national 9/11 tragedy, Christ Lutheran members came together to honor our local first responders. We collected snacks, playing cards, magazines, hand lotions and sanitizer, lip balm, etc. for First Responder baskets. Members stayed after church to assemble the baskets and to write notes of thanks and appreciation. Once assembled, they were delivered to area police and fire departments.





## Preschool News

Fall session began on Tuesday, September 6. We welcomed a handful of new families as well as our returning families and had a very smooth first week!

Our preschool teachers were installed and received a blessing from Pastor Pam during worship at church on Sunday, September 25.



*Back to School Night* was Monday, September 26 at 6:30pm. Thank you to everyone for attending; it was a great opportunity to get to know our families a little better.



We will have school picture days on the **12th & 13th of October**. Please see the flier in your child's classroom folder.

Our staff will be attending the CRECEF (Church Related Early Childhood Education Fellowship), fall conference entitled, "Raising Cain", a workshop focusing on raising boys, so we will be closed on **Monday, October 17**.

We will conclude the month with our Trunk-or-Treating and Harvest Fest on Halloween, **Monday, October 31** from 11am-1pm. The school will then close at 1pm. We hope that you and other family members will be able to participate with the children in the festivities of the morning.



*Blessings for a beautiful month!*

*Lisa Clinton*

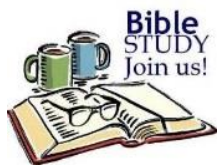
## *"Loose Threads"*

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 October 9at 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 Meets on the second Monday of each month. Men of all ages are welcome to meet in the**

**conference room on October 10 at 7:00pm.**

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## 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 **October 8.**

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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.

**Worship time changes on Sunday, October 30! Come to church for 9:30am so you don't miss a thing!!**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

### **Members at Home or in Care Centers:**

Anne Bruner, Coleen & Spud Fenton, Jean Johnson, Don Nichols 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, Cathy and Andy, Nancy Dionne, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol 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, Rev. Paul Theiss, Janette Velarde, Dick, Jenny & Steve West and Gary Zimmerman.

### **Those serving in our nation's military;**

especially Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, 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, Steven Andrew Navarro, Michael Joseph 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*



*10/1 Kristine and Andy Trost*  
*10/3 Teresa and Greg Lowther*  
*10/10 Kathy and Bill Mitchell*  
*10/12 Annette and Jeff Rodrigues*  
*10/14 Sara and Sean Benoit*  
*10/27 Kathy Klute and Chris Nelson*



*10/2 Lucas Hood*  
*10/4 James Innes*  
*10/7 Daniel Howard*  
*10/7 Maggie Sutton*  
*10/8 Lauren Trost*  
*10/11 Chris Nelson*  
*10/12 Mary Clayton*  
*10/13 Aina Bornemann*  
*10/18 Seth Elliott*  
*10/18 Spud Fenton*  
*10/18 Lonnie Timney*  
*10/20 Thomas Chumley*  
*10/20 Sheryl Hunter*  
*10/22 Darren Barnett*  
*10/22 Melissa Kitano*  
*10/27 Austin Naud*  
*10/28 Faye Huso*  
*10/30 Grant Green*  
*10/31 Roger Bredenkamp*  
*10/31 Zach Petrbook*



This year marks the 499th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which started when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1517. We Lutherans celebrate Reformation on the last Sunday of October, which is October 30th this year. **Remember to wear red, which is the liturgical color of the day.**

Martin Luther believed that he was recovering the centrality of Scripture within the Christian tradition. His main dispute with the Roman Catholic Church (he was an Augustinian monk) was primarily related to abuses by the clergy, especially related to the selling of indulgences. (An indulgence was something one would buy to forgive their sins.) Luther said, "The Church's true treasure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Protestant doctrine of justification by faith alone and the priesthood of all believers are two critical beliefs that shaped the birth of Protestantism and powerfully changed the trajectory of Western Civilization. Many of the modern ideas of Democracy grew out of the priesthood of all believers, sola scriptura, and Presbyterian form of church government. Luther "did more than any single man to make modern history the development of revolution," declared the 19th century English historian Lord Acton.

Luther did not initially mean to separate from the Roman Catholic Church but was only asking for reforms on the proper interpretation of Scripture, especially on the idea of repentance. The very first of his listed 95 Theses reads: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

Some Roman Catholic leaders were selling indulgences promising that past and future sins would be forgiven. A common refrain from the time attributed to Catholic clergyman Johann Tetzel was "As soon as a coin in the coffer rings a soul from purgatory springs." Luther, of course, contested the idea that salvation, forgiveness, and repentance could be bought and sold.

*Source: The Christian Post*



# REFORMATION ROADTRIP

Southwest California Synod

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500  
Years of Reformation

*For the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are taking the story of Martin Luther and his teachings on the road! In a series of paired lectures, one very introductory and the other more in-depth, Bishop Guy Erwin will carry Luther's message all around the Southwest California Synod. So come hear one, or come to all: the in-depth lecture will be different every time! Lunch will be served between the lectures. So save the dates!*

**Time: 10AM – 2:30PM\***

**Cost: \$10 per event**

**\*Time of each event at each location.**

**November 19, 2016**

First Lutheran, Torrance

**January 21, 2017**

Hill Avenue Grace  
Pasadena

**March 25, 2017**

Emmanuel, North Hollywood

**May 13, 2017**

Ascension, Thousand Oaks

**July 15, 2017**

Mt. Carmel, San Luis Obispo

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

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**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**

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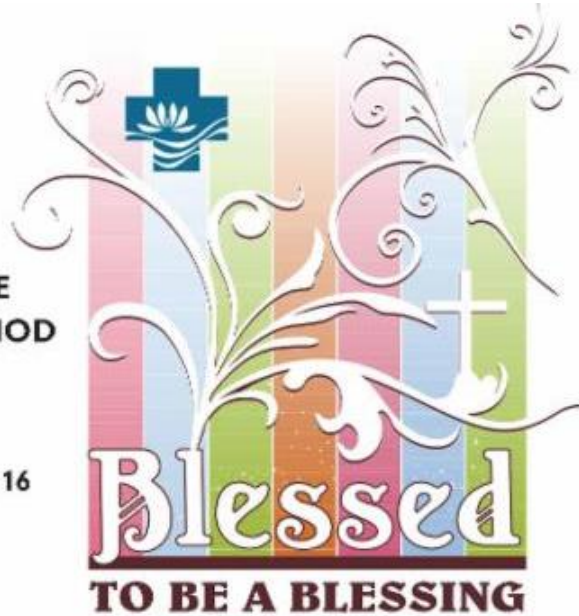
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 God's work. Our hands.

*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 19<sup>TH</sup> 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 [juliejns1@roadrunner.com](mailto:juliejns1@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.