



Christ Lutheran Church

**Christ is Alive!**

**Pastor Pam's Pennings**

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**I am writing this a few days before the move into our new home. It's both exciting and stressful! The painting continues and the move is scheduled for early next week.**

**Our Open House will be on Sunday, November 13 from 2 to 6pm. Our new address is 3529 E Broadway #1 (Broadway at Loma). Ring the bell and we will head right down! In lieu of gifts, please bring a can of food for the Beach Pantry at Long Beach State University. We will have a collection basket by our front door!**

**So that leads me to this invitation: I invite you to make this a month of intentional thanksgiving as we move toward Thanksgiving Day on November 24. Strive to make this whole month a time of being thankful. Think of one thing you are thankful for and...write it down; take a picture of it, post it on Face Book, draw it, or do whatever it takes to intentionally foster that "attitude of gratitude" for the whole month! Experts tell us that to do something consistently for 21 days makes a new habit. Wouldn't that be a great habit to have?!?**

**As we also think about the election this month on the 8<sup>th</sup>, I know we need to steep our country in prayer. I am grateful that Ron Nelson is going to help us with some thoughts around all of the referenda on our ballot. I know that as Lutheran Christians, our country has been in your prayers. Martin Luther was a firm believer in supporting our earthly government.**

**On Christ the King Sunday, we will recap our church year and on Sunday, November 27 we begin Advent and a new liturgy created by us! I will also begin teaching a 6 week class on the Book of Revelation, which is perfect timing since so many of our Advent texts deal with this mysterious book.**

**With a heart full of gratitude for who you are and all of the amazing things you do...  
*Pastor Pam Challis***

## From the Interim Directors of Music and Worship

Fall is an exciting time at CLC, especially in the music department! We are simultaneously preparing for Sunday worship, Reformation, All Saints Day, Advent and Christmas! As musicians and worship leaders, we are looking at the big picture, and this keeps us focused on the seasons of life and death, and who God calls us to be as we live out our daily lives in the here and now.

A wise person wrote, "How you live your day, is how you live your life." By adding music to your day, you can experience more depth, and more connection in community. By adding music to your day, you can be more present to God's eternal Love, and to how Jesus calls us to follow in his way of justice and peace. And you will have a life that is more fun!

It's not too late to join Chancel Choir, Thursdays at 7pm, Handbell Choir, Thursdays at 6pm, or our Praise Team, Sundays twice a month after worship. Talk to either one of us if you are wanting to add some music to your day and to your life.

Peace and Hope,  
Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer  
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[cantorcarole7@gmail.com](mailto:cantorcarole7@gmail.com)

Save the Date!  
Christ Lutheran Church's Annual Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Dinner following the concert  
Invite your friends!

### **The Men's "Advance" will be a Men's "Retreat" next year!**

All men, younger and older, the 2017 Men's Retreat will be October 20 - 22! Save the date and plan to attend!

As for 2016, a good time was had by all this past weekend at El Camino Pines! It was a bit cooler and "bug free!", food and fun, plus time to wander in the woods and reflect upon our lives and faith in Jesus Christ, "The Male Path of Spirituality!" The pastor from a new, young congregation in Santa Ana had us thinking, reflecting and sharing our faith!

As usual Paul Perencevic showed up early to split lots of fire wood! (31 Years!)  
-Ron, Paul, and Rick



## Preschool News

October was a wonderful month at CLP. I hosted the first local Director's meeting of the new school year on our campus. I had the opportunity to perform dry ice experiments for the directors and then went out on the yard and had more dry ice fun with the children.

We were closed on Monday 10/17 for a staff development day. The entire staff was able to attend a CRECEF conference in Hollywood. Michael Thompson, author of Raising Cain, was the speaker. We learned a lot of useful information to bring back and use in the classrooms.

We had our annual Fall Fest on Halloween. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Trunk-or-Treating and Harvest Fest! The trunks looked great and the children had a lot of fun.

November 23rd we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a finger food feast in the social hall. Each classroom will make centerpieces for decorations and will sing a song before eating with their family.

November 29th the preschool will have a pajama day. CLP will participate in a pajama/book drive along with CLC. The pajamas and books will be donated to the Lutheran Navajo Mission.

*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 November 13 at 12:30pm 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 November 14 at 7:00pm.**

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**Worship time has changed!  
Come to church for 9:30am so you don't miss a thing!!**



# 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 **November 12.**

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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.



## **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, Mary Croes, Cathy and Andy, Anna Delgado, Nancy Dionne, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol Gray, John Gumas, 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 Jose Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, Nicholas Flournoy, Richard Gallegos, Chandler Hoover, 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*

- 11/7 *Pat and Dave Nell*  
11/19 *Jeanne and Phil Peterson*  
11/20 *Janice and Bary Schlieder*



- 11/1 *Andy Trost*  
11/1 *Christa Williams*  
11/4 *Jeffrey Kitano*  
11/5 *Ellecia Williams*  
11/6 *Brianna Nieves*  
11/6 *Janice Schlieder*  
11/6 *Laura Tidwell*  
11/7 *Ann Williams*  
11/7 *Eva Williams*  
11/9 *Mike Maricle*  
11/9 *Amy Weisel*  
11/10 *Addison Benoit*  
11/10 *Jake Treat*  
11/11 *Justin Randig*  
11/16 *Ruth Barnes*  
11/16 *Mike Freligh*  
11/18 *Ella Garrett*  
11/20 *Phil Peterson*  
11/22 *Barbi Darnauer*  
11/23 *Jeremy Rodrigues*  
11/25 *Adam Elliott*  
11/25 *Rick Panos*  
11/27 *Beverly Nieves*  
11/28 *Paige Green*

# **Lutheran Social Services Community Christmas Celebration**

**Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Long Beach will be distributing gifts to children, (ages 0-18, male and female), in need. They urgently need gift items and monetary support to purchase food and other supplies for the party itself.**

**Gifts: Children ages 0-11, a gift value of \$10 is recommended. Please wrap the gift and label it 'male or female' and include the appropriate age of the recipient.**

**Children ages 12-18, \$15 gift cards to Target or Walmart are appreciated. Please include the gift receipt with the gift cards.**

**Please bring your contribution to church by Sunday, December 4. There will be labeled bins in the Narthex beginning November 6. Cash/check donations for this event can be given to the church office and we will see that they go directly to LSS. Please make checks payable to LSS.**

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**Due to the large number of individuals and families that LSS serves on a daily basis, they will not be sponsoring individual families this year. Instead they are requesting your regular donations of canned goods and some of the special holiday items listed below.**

**Canned Ham or Spam**

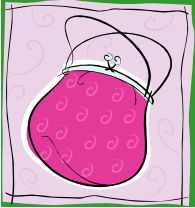
**Canned: sweet potatoes, gravy, fruit, pumpkin, corn, green beans, yams and corned beef hash**

**Boxed: macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes**

**Bagged: Marshmallows**

**Please bring these items to the church Narthex and place them in the basket marked, "LSS Food Items". Thank you for your generous support!**

# Joanie's Purse Project Holiday 2016



Bring cheer into the lives of women this holiday season!

“Joanie’s Purses” provides purses filled with personal care items, snacks and small gifts to women in Orange County shelters, motels and support programs.



## Items Needed

Large to medium purses, new or gently used

Sample or travel size personal care items:

Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Kleenex

Chap stick/Lip Balm  
Conditioner  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Body Wash/Bar Soap  
Hand Sanitizer  
Lotion

Snacks and small gifts:

Granola Bars  
Socks  
Cosmetic Bags

Fruit Rolls  
Jewelry  
Hair Brushes

Nuts/Trail Mix  
Wallets  
Mascara/Eye Liner

**Donation Deadline: Tuesday, December 4, 2016**

If you would like to volunteer to sort and fill purses in Santa Ana  
on Saturday, December 10, 2016 10am-12:30pm

Contact: Berd email: [berddunlap@aol.com](mailto:berddunlap@aol.com)

Cell: 714 271 4599

**Visit Facebook/Joanie's Purse Project**

Affiliated with Catholic Charities of Orange County



# Thanksgiving Meal & Baskets

## We need donations of:

- Turkeys\*
- Rolls\*
- Coffee
- Green bean cans (#10 cans)
- Canned food
- Sweet potatoes
- Brown sugar
- Marshmallow bags
- Cream mushroom soup
- Mashed potatoes
- Gravy
- Spices
- Whipped cream\*
- Paper goods

**Help feed 300 people a traditional Thanksgiving meal!**

\* For perishable items, larger donations, or more info:

Christian Outreach in Action  
515 East Third St., Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 432-1440







## **Donate *new, unwrapped toys***

**(\$15 min. value) Ages 0-16**

**All going to benefit over 1,800 children at  
Christian Outreach in Action's Christmas Party**

### **Gift Suggestions:**

**6 mo—3 yrs:** board books, educational toys, Sesame Street®, soft dolls, and Tonka® trucks

**4—7 yrs:** picture books, Duplo®, building sets, dress-up kits, board games, sports equipment

**8 to 12 yrs:** chapter books, Lego® sets, jewelry/craft kits

**13 to 16 yrs:** personal music players and batteries, trendy watches, necklaces, make-up kits, nail kits, electric shavers, gift cards for movies & clothing stores

For more information or larger donations:

Christian Outreach in Action

515 East Third St., Long Beach, CA 90802

(562) 432-1440





Christ Lutheran Church invites you  
to our annual

# Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

Featuring our Choirs  
and Special Guests

**Free-will Offering to benefit the  
Music Department**

Dinner reception following the concert  
All Are Welcome!

6500 Stearns Street, Long Beach, 90815

# REFORMATION ROADTRIP



*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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