



## Pastor Pam's Pennings

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*Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph  
o'er his foes!*

This old hymn always makes me think of my dad. He sang in the choir up 'till the time he began to work the sound system instead. He belted out this hymn every Easter morning for as long as I can remember – and there was joy on his face! He knew his Lord and Savior, Jesus, lived! Easter is coming this month and we gather to hear the story we know so well. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday walk us through the last week of Jesus' earthly life and help us to recognize in a deep, personal, and powerful way just what Jesus did so we can have the assurance of our salvation.

I invite you to clear your calendars and join us this year. It will be impactful and Easter will not be the same for you ever again. Easter Vigil is going to be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran this year – as we gather as a collegium to celebrate this event. They promise it will be meaningful (and short) as we move from courtyard to fellowship hall to sanctuary. We are responsible for the Creation story from Genesis 1. I would appreciate any ideas – I've already warned them there may be pyrotechnics involved!

And we have a baptism on Easter this year here at CLC during the 10:30 service as we welcome a new member of the body of Christ, William Howard Clark. Plus, we will have the Easter Breakfast, with all the yummy-ness that entails.

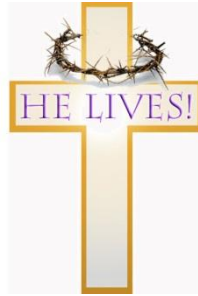
Easter, when the church is beautifully decorated with flowers, the choirs sing their hearts out, and we celebrate the most important gifts we have ever been given – forgiveness, life, and salvation – because of Jesus' willingness to go to the cross, to die, and to have God raise him up to eternal life! We sing and celebrate and remember, always remember, that grace may be freely given – but it certainly wasn't cheap – it cost Jesus everything he had.

May the remainder of Lent be ever more real to you and the blessedness of Easter ever more meaningful because...*He arose the victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with the saints to reign! He arose! He arose! Halleluiah! Christ arose!*

+Blessings+  
Pastor Pam

## Christ is Risen!—

As we finish up the Lenten Jesus' final week beginning Jerusalem, his Last Supper and his trials and tribulations, his cross, his burial, and his wonderful music groups have these moments, illustrated through instruments and voices. Please join us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter so we can share these images with you.



season, we begin to prepare for with his Triumphant Entry into final moments with his disciples, Crucifixion and death on the glorious Resurrection! Our been preparing to depict many of

Our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Praise Teams have been providing music on a weekly basis despite the many illnesses, schedule conflicts, and other conflicts. I am blessed by their work and dedication during this period of transition and I hope the congregation has been happy with what we have had to offer thus far.



I apologize for cancelling the Saturday morning jump start rehearsals; many members were not able to attend making it temporarily expendable. For those who want to sing with us during Holy Week, please join us after Wednesday night's Lenten service as the choir prepares for Holy Week.



As for the youth, the Music Makers are doing fantastic and will be preparing for possible singing/playing opportunities in late April and June. As for Kaleidoscope, we are working towards leading music at Sunday morning worship before the end of the music season (which ends mid-June). Like I mentioned last month, they are doing great and are ahead of schedule.

Once again, thank you all for your love and support each week; I really feel welcomed here at Christ Lutheran.

**Blessings,  
Your humble Director,  
Brian Madigan**



## Preschool News

**March was a busy month for the preschool.**

**We had our "Totally 80's" auction on Friday, March 10th. Everyone got into the 80's spirit wearing their favorite attire from that era. We had a wonderful night full of dancing with a live DJ, a photo booth, 80's trivia, and dinner. We had over 100 auction baskets this year as well as live auction items. We made a profit of \$11,350.00 for the preschool. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success!**

**We had a lot of fun with the children celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of spring. The children's imaginations go wild searching for leprechauns on the playground and setting leprechaun traps in their classroom. We have enjoyed seeing all the new bugs on the playground. We started planting in our garden and look forward to seeing what will grow this spring.**

**The last two weeks of March we had parent teacher conferences to get ready for registration the first week in April. After current parents register, open enrollment for our upcoming summer and fall sessions will begin on April 10th.**

**In April we will continue celebrating the season of Lent and have our Easter Celebration. We will have an Easter Egg hunt and a picnic on the playground with the preschool families on Good Friday.**

**The last week of April is Week of the Young Child. We will kick off the week by having a special preschool Sunday on 4/23. The children will be invited to sing at the service and then the classrooms will be open after the service to look around and see all the children do at CLP. We will continue to have different fun activities each day to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us. On Friday we will end the week with a field trip to the park.**

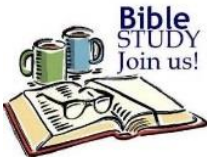
**Looking forward to a fun month!  
Lisa Clinton**



*"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. We meet at 12:30pm on specified Sunday afternoons in the Social Hall. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 9. Call Chris Panos (562)986-4393 for more information and 2017's schedule.

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**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

**Men's Bible Study**  
**We gather on the**  
**second Monday of**  
**each month. Men of**  
**all ages are welcome**  
**to meet April 10<sup>th</sup> at**

**7:00pm in the conference room.**

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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. Our next meeting is April 8th at 12:00pm.

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*A note from Linda McGee: Thank you all so much for the cards and prayers. I am on the mend and look forward to continuing my normal activities.*

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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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**"NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD: Where's the hope for the Palestinian Family?"**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am to 1pm.**  
**Grace First Presbyterian Church,**  
**3955 N. Studebaker**

**Sponsored by the Justice and Peace network of Southern California Presbyterian Churches.**

The ELCA and many Christian denominations in the world support a two state solution in the Holy Lands. Our Synod and local congregations support and pray for our Lutheran churches in Bethlehem and the Holy Lands of Israel and Jordan. Presbyterians have taken a lead role in America, not opposing Jews, but calling for peaceful answers to this conflict. There will be four speakers on these efforts during this local event.!

Difficult as it may seem, we continue to pray for peace, especially on the 24th, 7 PM every month here @ Christ Lutheran! And, every day in our lives! Thanks be to God and Jesus Christ!

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**



**Members at Home or in Care Centers:** Justin Bartlow, Anne Bruner, Coleen & Spud Fenton, Dorothy Henriksen, Ione Marchael, Mikki Nemnich and Joyce Rothrock.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** Judy Haenn, Dave Nell, Chris Nelson, Bary and Janice Schlieder.

**Family & Friends:** Robert Albert, Ellen Benner, John Byron, Anthony Callaghan, Edi Callas, Nancy Dionne, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol Gray, David Green, Jake Griffith, John Gumas, Anne Harrington, Helen Horner, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, William Jacobsen, Doris Jung, Katrina Lahr, Ron Manley, Mabel Manzur, Steve Nelson, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Debra Sarvela, Perry Taggart, Rev. Paul Theiss, Janette Velarde, Bill Weston, Jenny & Steve West and Gary Zimmerman.

**We pray for the ongoing work of:** Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.

**Those serving in our nation's military;** especially Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, 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 and Collin White.

## *Happy Anniversary*



- 4/21 Linda and Gary Zimmerman*
- 4/22 Courtney and Sean Cover*
- 4/25 Ruth and Lowell Benner*



- 4/1 Brianna Peralta*
- 4/3 Dave Challis*
- 4/3 Amanda Croes*
- 4/3 Jillian Rollins*
- 4/9 Phyllis Kay*
- 4/9 Matt Nelson*
- 4/10 Laurie Ennen*
- 4/12 Jeff Curel*
- 4/14 Shannon Howard*
- 4/15 Ethan Dwinell*
- 4/16 Gen Tidwell*
- 4/17 Stephanie Petrbock*
- 4/18 John Ennen*
- 4/18 Cynthia McGee*
- 4/27 Lisa Cottrell*
- 4/27 Mark Moon*
- 4/28 Paislee Treat*
- 4/29 Julia Curel*
- 4/29 Jim Petri*
- 4/30 Noah Dodd*
- 4/30 Tricia Latiolait*
- 4/30 Erin Lowther*
- 4/30 Stephanie Murray*



## Lutherans at Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Days and Parade!

Once again Reconciled in Christ congregations of our Greater Long Beach Conference, ELCA have the opportunity to either work in our Booth and/or walk in the Long Beach Parade at these exciting days. Tattoos will be provided and reimbursement of entry cost if requested. Bishop Emeritus Dean Nelson will be riding in a convertible in this year's parade. It's fun, exciting, and an excellent opportunity for sharing Christ's Welcome to ALL God's people!

If you would be willing to volunteer 2 or 4 hours, please sign via our Lutherans Concerned—Los Angeles website by clicking on <http://www.socallutherans.com/pride-info> or you may contact Vicar Kristian Kohlar at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1-310-451-1346, x 24. The hours of the Festival are **Saturday and Sunday (May 20-21) from 11:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M** at Marina Green Park, Rainbow Lagoon, in Long Beach. Sunscreen and visors are suggested. The Parade is Sunday May 21 at 10:30 A.M. starting at Ocean Blvd and Lindero to Alamitos Blvd.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing and working with you!



### Lutheran Tattoos!





**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 10 – 14, 2017**  
***Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon***

Christ Lutheran Church  
6500 E. Stearns St.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
(South side of Stearns St. between Palo Verde & Studebaker)

VBS is a week of worship, crafts,  
Bible Stories, fun and games  
for youth 4 yrs. – completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Cost is \$20 per child  
\$10 for 2nd sibling  
\$5 for each sibling after 2

*This program is directed  
by  
Members of Christ Lutheran Church*

Registration forms available at [www.christlutheranlb.com](http://www.christlutheranlb.com)  
Or Church office – 562.598.2433

## ***Holy Week Worship Schedule***

**April 9**

Palm Sunday Worship

9:30am

**April 1**

Maundy Thursday Worship

7pm

**April 14**

Good Friday Worship

7pm

**April 15**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

*Our Saviour's LC, Long Beach*

7pm

**April 16**

Easter Sunday Worship

8am

Easter Breakfast

9:15am

Easter Sunday Worship

10:30am

