



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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How good, Lord, to be here!

May...the month we honor our mothers and those women who have been like mothers to us. It's also the time when graduations and promotions begin to happen and sometimes it's Pentecost as well (depending on when Easter is). May is also the time that we begin the great wind-down of all the holiday season that goes from Reformation in October to Pentecost in May or June (this year it's June 4).

So what to make of May? In the church, we turn our attention to the teachings found in the Bible – the stories of the early church and of the Israelites as they learn what it means to be people of God set apart for a new way to live. It's not easy being "chosen!"

Last month I spent a few days with my family in Maryland. One of the fun things was watching our oldest granddaughter, Vanessa, play softball. She is an exceptional player for being only 11. What I found fascinating is

the rules – they are in a new league this year and the rules have changed! You can run after a 3rd strikeout, you can run for a steal even after the catcher has the ball, etc... Both the girls and the parents were confused by the changes and the scrimmage on Wednesday was a great way to begin to embody these rules. By Saturday, though, the rules had to be embodied to play well. It's going to be a rough season for V's team as they learn this new way to play.

Same for us as Christians. **As we learn this new way to be a human being in our world who is filled with the love of Jesus.** The rules change – the perspectives we have about people change – for we remember that Jesus died for all of the people of our planet and God loves all people – no exceptions!

How do you live into these understandings in your daily life? Love is what set the early church apart from the rest of the people around. Is this what people think/say about us? I often wonder...

As we move into the Pentecost Season, there are great things happening in the Bible and in our congregation!

Justin's Eagle project is moving right along with concrete pours happening sometime soon. We have our new front door glass – no cracks!

In our congregational meeting scheduled for May 21, we will be talking about other improvements and

changes that need to happen on campus, so mark your calendar today and plan to attend right after worship. Easter was such a joyous experience – I trust you will be with us as we move into Pentecost season and invite a friend! It's amazing what God is doing at Christ Lutheran!

+Blessings+
Pastor Pam



Christ is Risen!—

It was such a great pleasure to spend my first Holy Week at Christ Lutheran. Our music team worked hard making sure the bells, instruments, and voices as possible. I would personally Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and youth) for their dedication and would like to thank the string



sounded as good like to thank the Praise Teams (both adult and hard work. I also quartet: Maggie, and Brooke for such beautiful



Claudia, Karen, providing us with and inspiring music. Although part of the praise team, I would like to thank Roger for taking the extra time in preparing all the wonderful organ selections on Easter and Palm Sunday. I also would like to

thank Lonnie for taking the time to work with me on a duet for Good Friday and provide us with his beautiful cello tone. I also have to thank my fellow staff members and Pastor Pam for guiding me through my first Lenten season here and putting up with my silliness! Finally, I would like to thank the congregation for such kind words of encouragement and appreciation. I hope you all enjoyed this season.



This month, we will get back into a normal routine of rotating our bell choir, chancel choir, and praise teams to provide Christ Lutheran with special music on a weekly basis.

Youth update: the Music Makers sang in church on Pre-school



Sunday. Although most of the Music Makers are not members of the church, I would love to figure out a way to get them to perform at church on a regular basis—which will definitely be one of my projects

this fall. As for Kaleidoscope, barring any set-backs, you will be able to hear the youth band at least once a month moving forward. I was so pleased with them on Palm Sunday as they performed for the first time (even though 4 kids were absent due to illness). Since we will be going all summer, I expect the youth to be a regular part of worship this fall.



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



Dates to Remember

- May 6 Youth Rummage Sale, 8am-1pm
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 20-21 Long Beach Pride Festival, Parade on the 21st
- May 21 Congregational Meeting, 11am
- May 22 Habitat faith Coalition Meeting, CLC at 7pm
- May 30 Day Timer's Lunch Bunch, Polly's Long Beach @ 11:30am
- May 30 Prepare & Serve Christian Outreach in Action Dinner (COA)
- June 2-3 Synod Assembly
- June 4 Pentecost
- June 11 Holy Trinity/Graduation Sunday
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 27 Western States Youth Gathering Begins



Preschool News

In April we continued celebrating the season of **Lent** and had our **Easter Celebration** on Friday, the 17th. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and a picnic on the playground with their families.



The last week of April we celebrated **Week of the Young Child (WOYC)**. We started the week by having a special preschool Sunday in worship on the 23rd. The children sang at the service and then the classrooms were open after to look around and see all that the children do at CLP.

We had fun activities each day of WOYC to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us: **Monday was Pajama Day**, **Tuesday was Science Day**, **Wednesday was Community Helper Day** with a visit from the fire truck, **Thursday was Art Day**, and **Friday we ended the week with our first session of the Mad Scientist**, and **Parent Appreciation Tea** in the afternoon.



On **May 12th** we will celebrate the blessing of mothers with **Moms and Muffins** in the courtyard at drop off time. We will have a **staff development day on May 22nd**. Staff will plan Summer and renew our CPR/First Aid certificates. We look forward to getting ready for the end of the school year and having a fun summer.

Blessings for a beautiful Spring!
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, May 7. Call Chris Panos (562)986-4393 for more information and 2017’s schedule.**

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Men’s Bible Study
We gather on the second Monday of each month. Men of all ages are welcome to meet

May 8 at 7:00pm in the conference room.

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The Sons of Norway meet 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 May 13th at 12:00pm.**

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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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Congregational Meeting **May 21 at 11:00am**



Save the date and please plan to attend. We have much to discuss about maintaining our church campus and we will get updates on projects happening around here.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Members at Home or in Care Centers:

Justin Bartlow, Anne Bruner, Mary Clayton, Coleen Fenton, Dorothy Henriksen, Ione Marchael, Mikki Nemnich and Joyce Rothrock.

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

Family & Friends: Del, Robert Albert, Ellen Benner, John Byron, Anthony Callaghan, Edi Callas, Nancy Dionne, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol Gray, David Green, Anne Harrington, Helen Horner, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, William Jacobsen, Doris Jung, Laurie Kelly, Lorcan Kelly, 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 Lambertson, 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



- 5/7 Kristina & Rob Randig**
- 5/19 Carol & Ed Goller**
- 5/21 Renu & Marvin Moon**
- 5/23 Cindy & Rob McGee**
- 5/31 Tonette Matera & Mike Patton**



- 5/1 Karol Lemerond**
- 5/2 Robert McGee**
- 5/5 Tyler Cover**
- 5/7 Tom Parmeter Dyer**
- 5/8 Katelyn Ramos**
- 5/10 Jessica Stamer**
- 5/11 Ron Nelson**
- 5/12 Chris Hunter**
- 5/12 Jennifer Kitano**
- 5/16 Carol Price**
- 5/17 Michael Tinsley**
- 5/18 Rich Oelschlaeger**
- 5/21 Olivia Petrbock**
- 5/23 Elisabeth (Willms) Jenkins**
- 5/24 Lauren Martin**
- 5/27 Ivan Brown**
- 5/28 Max Johnson**
- 5/31 Scott Moon**
- 4/29 Jim Petri**



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 5th 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
Or Church office – 562.598.2433