



*My times are in your hand –*  
Psalm 31:15

**July!** the month we celebrate our nation's independence from England 241 years ago. We do this with such gusto – parades and fireworks and special gatherings – and I often wonder if we ever tell the story to our children as to why we have this special day, July 4, as a holiday. It's up to us to tell the story; the kids aren't in school.

**July!** In worship, we will be finishing our quick series on the Psalms and begin a look at the book of Ephesians. We will also be enjoying what Brian and I call the 'Liturgical Mash-up' which is taking some of the best liturgical parts of many different settings and blending them together for a unique sound and vibe that seems perfect for summertime. Since our choirs are taking the summer months off, what will you tell Brian you want to share with us in their stead? A song, a piece of music, a poem, a play? All would be embraced and welcomed!

**July!** We are having Vacation Bible School the second week of this month the 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. It's up to us to tell the stories

of biblical heroes and why their story matters. No one else will do it if we who are people of the Book (the Bible) do not! This is why VBS matters and why it's a church-wide event.

**July!** During VBS, our two oldest granddaughters will be here visiting with us. I'm very excited to show them Long Beach and greater Los Angeles each afternoon. We will then fly together to Florida for our annual family vacation. We always have such fun together – doing things, or doing nothing!

**July!** The youth are off to Miracle Ranch to strengthen the ties we have with this amazing community. They will be staying in San Diego and enjoying the city a bit as they journey across the border to work hard at a project on the Miracle Ranch site as well as hold the babies and play with the kids who are there.

**July!** What do you remember about the Julys of your past? I remember long, steamy and sweaty days at the lake house where swimming, fishing, skiing, and hanging out with my summer friends was on the daily docket; sweet corn and fresh tomatoes right out of the garden at almost

every meal when we were at home. Canning and freezing the bounty of summer for enjoyment in the bleak winter was all in a week's work. And, Camp meeting – a time to make new friends from other congregations in our District as we gathered each night at the campgrounds for worship for a week and the absolute luxury of having that tabernacle air conditioned in the late 1970's!

**July!** The psalmist says it so clearly...our times, our memories (past and yet to be

made) are in God's hands. In July, it's easy to celebrate the times that are with us; take the time this month to give thanks to God for our congregation, for our country, and for our community of family and friends. Don't forget to invite someone to worship!

*Peace and blessings!*

*Pastor Pam*



**Greetings!**

I have been approached on numerous occasions about my plans and goals for the music program here at Christ Lutheran. Each month I have been discussing my plans through my newsletter article, so I will continue to reiterate my vision each month for those who have missed my previous articles-- I apologize in advance for being redundant...but here we go (I will review last month's list of summer goals and give you an update in *italics*). My goals for this summer are as follows:

- 1) The Summer Music Program**—with most of the music groups taking a break during the summer, I would like to focus on the Praise Team and create a more dynamic opening and closing to our worship services...complete with contemporary praise and worship music. I will maintain traditional liturgical elements throughout the service...
- 2) Special Music**—along with the Praise Team, there will be opportunities for our talented congregation, as well as outside guests, to offer their talents during worship. Please see me if you are interested in providing music this summer...*I will be passing out a clipboard during church service for those who want to sign up and I already have a few people lined up;* and
- 3) The Youth Music Program**—as I said before, we will continue throughout the summer as the kids continue their musical journey and begin leading music at worship. I am so happy with these wonderful children but I must be cautious: I am so excited I may be pushing them too hard to play at worship when they are barely comfortable holding their new instruments. So, I will be patient and they will play when they are

comfortable and ready... *The Youth Band will participate during VBS and play during the church service on the 16<sup>th</sup>.*

This summer, we will be using a mash up of various liturgical elements from a multitude of Lutheran settings during our services. The theme will be World Music with an ethnic and gospel flair. I hope you enjoy it!

**Youth update:** On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Music Makers sang at their graduation. As for Kaleidoscope, the youth band will be leading music at VBS this month and continuing meeting weekly throughout the summer. **Please see me for the summer schedule.**

I strive to make music a year round event; no slacking off in the summer months as the music groups take time off. It is important to me that the quality of music is always present.

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

June 27	Day Timer's Lunch Bunch
June 27	Western States Youth Gathering Begins
June 27	Dodger/Angel Baseball game
July 4	Birthday of our Country
July 10-14	Hero Central Vacation Bible School, (BBQ & Program July 13 @6pm)
July 21-23	Youth Trip to Miracle Ranch
July 23	Red Cross Blood Drive, CLC Social Hall 8am-2pm



## Preschool News



On Wednesday, June 21, we closed out the school year with Graduation for Room 5 and our End of the Year Program for the whole school. It's hard to believe the end of the year is here and we will soon be saying goodbye to some friends and hello to new friends. So much happens in a year's time with this young age group of children. They grow and develop so much in such a short period. We cherish the time we spend with your little ones and it is truly a privilege to be a part of your children's foundation for learning. As we send our graduates off to Kindergarten, we wish them a lifetime of learning, success, and happiness and we look forward to another year of growing in God's Love at CLP with our students that will be returning.



# Kindergarten



Our theme for summer fun is "On the move..." and we will be exploring all of the ways people, animals and machines move. We'll check out different modes of transportation; various types of animals and where they live; learn how our bodies move with yoga, dancing, marching and exercise.



CLP will also participate in the church sponsored "Hero Central" vacation bible school this month.



*With much love and gratitude,  
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, July 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** is taking a summer break. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin and your monthly

newsletters to know when they will pick up again.

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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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### **Ingathering of supplies for New Life Beginnings (NLB) Sunday, July 2 and August 6. Items need for the house:**

- Shampoos & Conditioners
- Toilet paper
- Powder laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Bleach
- Pine sol
- Disinfectant spray or wipes
- Dry Pasta any kind
- Pedialyte powder packs for children
- Children's Motrin
- Children's Tylenol

NLB also needs volunteers on the following days...

- Mondays from 5-7pm
- Thursdays from 6-8pm
- Sundays from 5-7pm

About 3-4 people needed on the days above to help watch the children ages babies-10 yrs. during bible study. Please contact Annette Rodrigues for more information.

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The Sons of Norway is taking the months of July and August off so that members can take their family vacations and not miss any of the exciting activities that are presented each month at meetings. They will 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. They do take a break during July and August so their **next meeting is on Saturday, September 9th, at 12:00pm.**

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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, Eldre Larsen, Dave Nell, Chris Nelson, Phil Peterson, Bary & Janice Schlieder and Laura Tidwell.

**Family & Friends:** Del Carlile, Robert Albert, John Bell, John Byron, Anthony Callaghan, Edi Callas, Eve Clarkson, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol Gray, Anne Harrington, Evie Holdhusen, Helen Horner, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, William Jacobsen, Doris Jung, Laurie Kelly, Lorcan Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Judi Luginbill, Ron Manley, Mabel Manzur, Steve Nelson, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Jari Robinson, Debra Sarvela, Perry Taggart, Jack Taylor, 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*



**7/18 Ann and Rich Williams**  
**7/28 Rebecca and Matt Green**



**7/4 Ken Yliniemi**  
**7/9 Coleen Fenton**  
**7/11 Kyle Petrbock**  
**7/11 Noah Timney**  
**7/11 Matt Weisel**  
**7/12 Ben Elliott**  
**7/12 Olaf Lee**  
**7/14 Tim Biel**  
**7/17 Callie Biel**  
**7/20 D'Jesus Trujillo**  
**7/22 Anne Bruner**  
**7/22 Jenn Ostergren**  
**7/28 Joyce Rothrock**  
**7/29 Sydney Nichols**  
**7/30 Rebecca Green**  
**7/31 Ana Sophia Tinsley**



## Vacation Bible School

July 10 – 14, 2017

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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

## Summer Sunday school 2017

This summer at Christ Lutheran, Sunday school is the place to be. It's our 'project' summer. Children will be able to make a banner for the congregation and tell the stories of the Bible in pictures painted on tiles.

All children are welcome ALL SUMMER long. Adult volunteers are needed for each of the projects.

So if you have skills in any of these areas and would love to help, or if you have questions please text Aaron (562-413-7537).

July- Make a banner for church



August- Telling the stories of the Bible with picture tiles

