



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

This is how I'm feeling these days – seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, how time is flying! Here it is halfway through this year and I feel like I'm ready for Easter – and Pentecost is the first Sunday of this month!!!

Pentecost! That time of celebration in the Jewish tradition because in Palestine the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness. It began with the harvesting of the barley during the Passover and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at Pentecost, the wheat being the last cereal to ripen. Pentecost was thus the concluding festival of the grain harvest, just as the eighth day of Tabernacles was the concluding festival of the fruit harvest.

For Christians, **Pentecost** is the birthday of the Christian church. It's the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the assembly in the Upper Room in

Jerusalem. We will have our sanctuary decked out and we will invite/encourage you to wear, **red, orange or yellow** to signify the colors of fire – which sat dancing on the heads of each of those gathered that amazing day when people heard about God's love in their native language while gathered in Jerusalem for the celebration mentioned above!

June 11, we will celebrate our graduates – from both high school and college – as they move on to new adventures this year. We have three high school grads who will be receiving their now famous quilts and college grads who will be receiving a gift as well. There will be a party – so plan on staying around to congratulate them and to chat with them about their future!

June 18 is Father's Day. We have a gift for all the men in attendance in our congregation that day. We can thank God for our fathers and for the men who have been like fathers to us.

June 25 – the only “plain old” Sunday in this busy month! **God is good to**

Christ Lutheran church! But, two days later – we have over 40 people going to the Dodgers vs Angels baseball game at Dodger Stadium! What fun will that be!!! It’s a total win-win since we are a congregation with divided baseball loyalties – but this night everybody wins!!!

Synod Assembly is at the beginning of the month. We will find out at assembly if we have received a grant to help with Justin Randig’s labyrinth

project. And, if you haven’t seen the labyrinth – stop by – it’s amazing the progress!

Plus, the Social Hall has undergone a GORGEOUS transformation! Thank you, Islamic Unity for the beautification, the dedication, and all the work!!!!

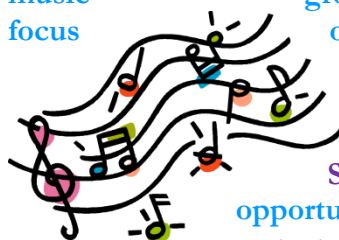
There’s energy, vitality, and a blooming spirit at CLC! Thanks be to God!!! Pastor Pam

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Greetings!



Whew! How time flies! I cannot believe I have been here 6 months already. I hope, by now, each and every one of you is comfortable enough to approach me with any comments, concerns, requests, complaints, et al. I am here to serve you and make your worship experience the best it can possibly be. Now that the craziness of starting a new job and juggling the Lenten season is over, I can now focus on my next set of goals: 1) The Summer Music Program—with most of the music focus



groups taking a break during the summer, I would like to 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; 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!





This month, we will finish off the traditional music season with a wonderful Pentecost service on the 4th. The Pentecost service will feature our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Praise Team with their final offerings until the fall (although the choir will sing one more time the following week on the 11th). It will be a powerful service and I hope to see you all there. On the 11th, we unofficially kick off the summer season with Trinity Sunday...led by our wonderful Praise Team.

Youth update: On June 21st, the Music Makers will sing at their graduation. I will miss this group of kids as they move on to Kindergarten. As for Kaleidoscope, the youth band will be leading music at VBS this July 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

- 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 / Generation Change/VBS Meeting
- June 11 Holy Trinity/Graduation Sunday
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 25 VBS Meeting
- June 27 Western States Youth Gathering Begins
- June 27 Dodger/Angel Baseball game
- July 10-14 Hero Central Vacation Bible School



Preschool News

In May, we had a great turn out for Moms and Muffins.

Moms and their children
breakfast and fun
that included playdough
salon, and decorating a



enjoyed
activities
sculptures, hair
purse.



We had free Elks Vision Screenings on May 17th & 18th, Grad pictures on May 18th, and a staff development day on May 22nd. Staff has planned our summer 'curriculum' and renewed our CPR/ First Aid certificates.



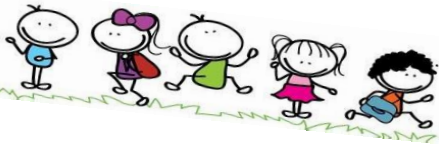
DONUTS WITH DAD

In June we will celebrate the blessing of dads with **Dads and Donuts**. We will have breakfast and activities for the Dads to do with their child at drop off.

Our school year will come to an end on **Wed, June 21**. We will honor our Room 5 friends that are going to Kindergarten with a special graduation ceremony just for them at **10:30am** in the Sanctuary.

Kindergarten

Then we will celebrate everyone at our **End of Year Program** in the Social Hall at **11:30am**. We will have cake on the yard and school will close at **1pm**.



We will be closed for staff work days on **Thurs 6/22 & Fri 6/23** to prepare for our summer session which will start on **Mon, June 26**.

Sincerely,
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, June 11. 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

June 12at 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. They do take a break during July and August so their last meeting until September is June 10th 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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Spruced up Social Hall –You may notice that our social hall has benefitted from a mini makeover. One of the community groups using our campus, Islamic Unity, had graciously offered to paint the social hall, make and install new coverings for the windows and provide a curtain and flooring for the stage. The space is clean and bright and ready for summer activities! We are very grateful to all of the individuals who came together to make this happen so quickly!





CLC Graduate Bios

Josh Freligh is graduating from the Quest program at Millikan High School where he was on the Principal's and the National Honor Roll and also a Medal of Merit Finalist for English. Josh was a member of the Millikan Baseball Team where he was Frosh/Soph Co-Offensive Player of the Year, was selected Varsity - All League, 1st Team (Moore League - 12th Grade) and awarded the 'Brian Beato Memorial Baseball Scholarship'. Josh was also a member of the Millikan Symphonic Winds playing the alto saxophone; he was chosen as the Most Outstanding Freshman and Sophomore Band Member. Josh volunteered his time as Co-Vice President of the Interact Club (community service club for the LB Rotary). His summer plans include lots of traveling... a trip to Boston and Cape Cod with friends and family camping trips. He will also go on the CLC Youth trip to Miracle Ranch in Mexico. Josh will try to find time to work a bit when in town this summer and then he is off to UCLA where he will major in Economics.

Jeremy Rodrigues will graduate from Millikan High school in June. During all four years in high school, Jeremy was a played on the Tennis team and was a member of the Marching Band. While in Marching Band, he was a section leader his junior year and then Drum Major this year. He received awards for outstanding performance in Geometry, Music and Science. Jeremy is the Co-Vice President of the Interact club and is a member of the National Honor Society. For this summer, Jeremy plans to get a part time job. He was accepted into the honors program there and will be majoring in Aerospace Engineering and plans to transfer to USC next year.

Jillian Rollins is graduating from Long Beach Polytechnic High School with honors. She is an AP Scholar and received the Pursuit of Excellence Award in U.S. History and Lab Physical Science. While in high school, Jillian volunteered at Long Beach Memorial and she is a member of the yearbook staff and the Best Buddies club. She will also receive recognition for completing college level courses at CSULB in Ethnic Studies; which she managed by attending classes on Saturdays. She is halfway to a 'minor' designation when she begins her college studies at Cal State Fullerton. This summer Jillian will continue to work here in the Christ Lutheran Nursery on Sunday mornings and at her job at Straw Hat. We will be fortunate to have her with us until she moves to Fullerton in August to begin the freshman Direct Entry program in Nursing.

Ivan Brown received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illustration from Cal State Fullerton. He worked full time at New World Travel while pursuing his degree. Ivan plans to move to Germany this summer to continue his employment with New World, with the ability now to provide illustration support in addition to his previous responsibilities. He also hopes to improve his German fluency and travel extensively in Europe.

Ian Fitzpatrick received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Cal State Long Beach. While he continues to conduct research for a professor on “organic” synthesis in Sulphur Chemistry, Ian is also now applying to Master’s programs in order to begin upper graduate work in Chemistry. He is also looking for full time employment in his field. Ian is engaged to Huong Phan (They met in an organic chemistry class at CSULB). Huong is just completing her first year of dental school in New York and will be back in Long Beach for the summer.

Amy Weisel received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley. While attending Berkeley, she participated in Ballet and Jazz dance. When Amy returned to Long Beach she began a job search in writing or editing and planned to catch up on her sleep. In a few years, she might consider continuing her education with a Master’s degree and may even pursue a PHD.

Paige Green received her Master’s Degree in Criminology from Fresno State University in May of this year. While studying for this degree, Paige worked full time at an insurance company and traveled between her home in Fresno and Long Beach to visit family and friends as often as she could. Currently, Paige is living in Long Beach while she begins her job search in the field of Insurance or Banking Fraud and hopes to be in her own apartment by July,

Amanda Croes is receiving her Masters of Education Degree in Teaching and Learning from Brandman University, a division of Chapman University. Amanda has been teaching for three years in the Bellflower school district and having received tenure, will continue in the BUSD. She enjoys teaching the littlest people in Kindergarten and First Grade.

***Christ Lutheran joyously sends these young people into
the world with God’s Blessings!***

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 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, Barbara Lindsay, Ron Manley, Mabel Manzur, Steve Nelson, Kristina & Scott Randolph, 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 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

- 6/10 Victoria and Hugo Paez
 6/10 Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer
 6/12 Sue and Roger Bredenkamp
 6/12 Jennifer and Scott Ostergren
 6/14 Angie and Mike Freligh
 6/21 Kathryn and Michael Tinsley
 6/23 Linda and Sergio Peralta
 6/25 Donna and Max Johnson
 6/25 Chris and Rick Panos
 6/27 Gen and Aaron Tidwell



- 6/2 Megan Lowther
 6/2 Lindsey Wilcox
 6/3 Maggie Fitzpatrick
 6/4 Kristina Randig
 6/4 Kit Snider
 6/8 Kim Croes
 6/10 Fletcher Garrett
 6/10 Roger Halvorson
 6/11 Ethan Thomas
 6/14 Michael Elliott
 6/16 Marcos Zumaya
 6/17 Parker Treat
 6/20 Lowell Benner
 6/21 Joe Curel
 6/22 Faith Timney
 6/27 Rick McGee
 6/28 Teresa Lowther
 6/29 Casey Burkard
 6/30 Laura Innes



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*

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 help plant and grow a garden around church, 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).

June- Gardening project



July-



Make a banner for church

August- Telling the stories of the Bible with picture tiles



ANNOUNCING

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