

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ is Alive!

Pastor Pam's Pennings

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5

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This picture was created by a group of people who wanted to make a difference in the lives of children who were starving through no fault of their own. Dave and

I worked in the temporary “factory” that was created in our congregation in Phoenix as we packed nutritionally balanced meal packages that would be shipped all over the world through *Feed My Starving Children*. (If you would like more information on Feed My Starving Children, check out their website at www.fmsc.org). We were working at a neighboring church’s “factory” when the 1 millionth package was prepared somewhere that week. It is an amazing program that is changing the lives of people by giving them balanced nutrition in simple to prepare packages. It makes me thankful every day that I both had the privilege of creating these food packages, and that I (at least for today) don’t have to rely on them for my daily food.

Thankfulness is being aware and appreciative of what we have; it comes around for us every November as we

approach Thanksgiving. We in the United States have so much! This month, try to appreciate what you have been given by the generous hand of God ... especially in the light of all of the disasters that have happened in our state, our country, and around the world.

Thankfulness is an attitude of gratitude that keeps us moving forward and living into the abundant grace of God. I am thankful that we are together as Pastor and People! God’s loving goodness to us is boundless. We receive that loving goodness and have the privilege of passing it on to our family, friends, neighbors, classmates, coworkers and those we meet as we go about our day. May God’s loving abundance touch you in powerful ways this month!

I know this may sadden some of you, but we are not going to have our joint Thanksgiving Eve service with First Lutheran in Carson this year. There are many reasons for this decision, the primary being that Pastor Dan Gibson needs to attend to family matters in Wyoming at that time. We will re-evaluate next year.

+ Blessings +

Pastor Pam



Greetings!

It is around this time of the year when my heart becomes heavy, knowing that there are others throughout the world that are less fortunate than I. With Thanksgiving approaching, I often complain about all the driving around I will be doing: making my yearly rounds to various family and friends for lunch, dinner, and/or dessert. What I should be doing is be grateful that I have family and friends and the wonderful meals I will be eating that day...because there are so many that are not as fortunate. I sincerely give thanks!

I am in the process of working on the orchestration/arrangements for our music this Christmas season. We are planning some special items this year and I am excited.

Youth Music News!!!! Kaleidoscope has started back up again for children ages K-5th grade. We will sing, dance, play instruments, play games/activities, do drama, and make crafts. We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-5:00 (eventually expanding it to an hour from 4:30-5:30). We have lots of fun so come join us!

Youth Band will begin leading music for the opening of Confirmation every Wednesday night beginning November 1st. The revised schedule is as followed: 4:30-5:30 Youth Band Practice; 5:30-5:40 Opening Prayer and Music; 5:40-6:30 Dinner with Games/Activities to follow; and 6:30-7:30 Confirmation.

JUMP START!!! We are currently rehearsing on Saturday mornings in the sanctuary from 10:00-12:00 with lunch to follow. For those with child care issues please contact me and I will provide child care that morning. Any singers interested in participating this season, please join us. We will not meet on November 18th due to the workday at church and on the 25th because of Thanksgiving weekend.

Thanks!

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

High School and Young Adult Ministries

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.” ~ Melody Beattie - self-help and addiction recovery author. With November upon us, what are you thankful for in your life? For our family, we are thankful for this congregation and the Holy Spirit’s palpable work in welcoming us in to this community! We are also thankful for all the wonderful events we have planned this month!

Sunday, November 5, 11:30 a.m. *Movie Afternoon*– It’s that time again! All high school students are welcome to join us for a movie afternoon in the High School room. We’ll watch the sequel to *Guardians of the Galaxy* while enjoying pizza and snacks! Bring a friend! Parents and guardians, please plan on picking your student up around 2 p.m. Running time for the movie is approximately an hour and 15 minutes.



Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Alternative Christmas Fair*– Be sure to check out the youth table for your holiday needs! Youth will be raffling off donated items including a \$25 gift certificate to Charlie’s Project (charliesproject.com), doTERRA Essential Oils, handmade paper goods among other items! In addition, we’ll have goodies, too for sale including homemade soap scrubs and holiday Minnie/Mickey ears!

Angel Tree for Prison Fellowship: While you’re at the Alternative Christmas Fair, we will also have an Angel Tree for the Prison Fellowship. There will be approximately 25 families in need of Christmas gifts. More details will come but be on the look-out for this special Angel Tree!

Mark your calendars! We will be sending a group to Miracle Ranch again in early December. Watch for more information in the E-news and bulletin on opportunities to donate toys to bring with us!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions!

Sarah





Preschool News

October was a wonderful month at CLP.

I hosted the first local Director's meeting of the new school year here on our campus. This was a great opportunity to fellowship with each other and share ideas for the coming year.

We were closed on Friday, October 20 for a staff development day. The entire staff was able to attend a CRECEF conference in Newport Beach. The conference was about social emotional development; Carly Bedard was the guest speaker. We learned a lot of useful information to bring back and use in the classrooms.



Teacher Training

We are having our annual Fall Fest on Halloween. The children dress up and each class takes turns going trunk to trunk in the parking lot to collect treats. Thank you to everyone that signed up to participate in our Trunk-or-Treating and Harvest Fest! The trunks always look great and the children have a lot of fun at the festival on the yard.



November 22nd we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a pot luck, finger food feast in the social hall. Each classroom will make centerpieces to decorate the tables and will sing a song before eating with their families. Watch for sign up sheets.



Blessings for a beautiful month!

Lisa Clinton



A Stephen Ministry Minute

I am so blessed & proud to be part of the Stephen Ministry Team here at Christ Lutheran Church! **Our Stephen Ministers: Dave Challis, Rick**

Panos, Ken Yliniemi, Annette Rodrigues & Tricia Latiolait are doing an amazing job in Christian caregiving, an extension of Christ himself. They are attending bi-monthly Supervision sessions and also receiving continuing education on topics related to caring for others. We have started an in-depth study of the book, *Christian Caregiving: a Way of Life*, which is written by Kenneth C. Haugk, the founder of Stephen's Ministry.

Our Stephen Ministers in Training, Ron Nelson, Valerie Weisel, & Maggie Sutton have been equally dedicated to learning and growing in this ministry and are more than half way through their training. Ron and Valerie will complete the 50 hours in December and then be commissioned.

Pastor Pam, Judy Haenn, and I, your Stephen Leaders, have been working hard too, but honestly, we are getting much more out of this whole process than what we are putting in! We have been witness to the healing power of Christ through Jesus and the Stephen Ministers!

Please pray for us, that our ministry will continue to thrive and grow! Please pray too about joining our team!

Chris Panos
Stephen Leader

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This is a note that Jeanne Peterson received from a friend she placed on our prayer list some months ago. Jeanne thought you all might like to know of her friend's appreciation.

Today was the day to check on my tumors...I was so nervous, anxious, scared... I gave it to God. Peace. The doctor said she 'got chills'; the tumors are GONE! The power of prayer! I do not think she was expecting this... The power of prayer! Thank you so much for holding me up in prayer. God listened and received your prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I will for you. Your church family is amazing!!

Love, Paula P.

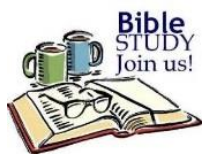


“Loose Threads”



A big Thank You to Kit, Joy & Kathy who came by our October Loose Threads sew day to make Star Blocks! We are well on our way to having enough blocks to construct some Quilts of Valor tops. We will not be meeting in November and December, but please come by our table at the Alternative Christmas Fair, November 19. All proceeds from our sales go to Habitat for Humanity. Please call Chris Panos at (562) 986-4393 for more information.

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Men’s Bible Study Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Men of all ages are encouraged to come

to the conference room for a time of study and fellowship. Next meeting is Monday, November 13.

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Opportunities to share our blessings: Sunday, Nov. 12 we will begin collecting new and gently used purses and little giftie items for Joanie’s Purse project.

Sunday, Dec. 3 is Pajama Sunday Bring a new pair of children’s pajamas and a new or gently used book to be sent to the youngest hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico.

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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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 **November 11th at 12:00pm.**

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Grief Group

This group meets on the first Sunday of every month to be a support for all types of loss. This is not a closed group, so please attend as you can and invite others should they have the need. We will meet on Sunday, November 5 at 2pm.



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, Anne Bruner, Mary Clayton, Coleen Fenton, lone Marchael, Mikki Nemnich and Joyce Rothrock.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns: BJ Anthony, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Dave Nell, Bary & Janice Schlieder and Ed Trost.

Family & Friends: Lois and Dick Brown, Robert Albert, John Byron, Edi Callas, Beth Cassford, Frances Cavinder, Karen Chandler, Patrick Clinton, Wayne Elliott, Rory Fitzpatrick, Vicki Fitzpatrick, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol Gray, Paul Hayes, Evie Holdhusen, Johanna Hope, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Laurie Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Jennifer Naraki, Steve Nelson, Todd Olson, Ed Philips, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Jari Robinson, Debra Sarvela, Sue Schlaf, Renee Seaman, Bruce Short, Perry Taggart, Jack Taylor, Janette Velarde, Anna Watt-Morse, Bill Weston, Nancy Weston, Jenny, Jim & Steve West, Tad and Logan Wygal, 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: Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, Nicholas Flournoy, Gabriel Gallegos, 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

- 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*
- 11/6** *Brianna Nieves*
- 11/6** *Janice Schlieder*
- 11/7** *Ann Williams*
- 11/9** *Mike Maricle*
- 11/9** *Amy Weisel*
- 11/10** *Addison Benoit*
- 11/10** *Jake Treat*
- 11/11** *Justin Randig*
- 11/5** *Deborah Otterson*
- 11/16** *Ruth Barnes*
- 11/16** *Mike Freligh*
- 11/17** *Adriana Alfonso*
- 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*