



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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As I write this message, I'm reflecting on the events that have happened here at CLC already. We have security gates that are working, ensuring that our preschool children and staff are safe. We were commenting that just putting the gates up seemed to deter people from sleeping in the alcove and leaving their trash on campus.

We dedicated our labyrinth with a fun celebration. People are using it, too, as a place for prayer, clarity, and centering. What a fabulous space we have for all kinds of activities now. No more swampy corners or slick surfaces!

We inurned Mikki Nemnich in our columbarium. It was a private event with just family and it was simple and beautiful as they said their final good-byes. If you are considering the columbarium as your final resting place and you have a niche you particularly like, there is no time like the present to make this a reality.

We will be completing training of our next cadre of Stephen Ministers. Sadly, Maggie Sutton wasn't able to complete her training before she moved to Georgia, but Ron Nelson and Valerie Weisel have finished. We will be commissioning them on February 11. This is also the same day as

our Chili cook-off! Can't wait to taste the goodness!

Five of us will be on retreat the first weekend of February with the women of CLCLV in St. George, Utah. *She is clothed in strength and dignity, and laughs without fear of the future.* Proverbs 31:25 is our theme verse. I'll be listening to the Super Bowl on the way home! Remember to get your squares to make the Super Bowl game even more fun. Plus, we will be doing the Souper Bowl of Caring – so bring your canned goods and donations – and we will see if our generosity supports the winning team! The true winner will be the *Beach Pantry of Cal State Long Beach*, who will receive the canned goods.

Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. Know that we will be here at 11:30am and 7pm for our Ash Wednesday services. This also means that Lent begins and our midweek worship will begin on the 21st. 11:30am for worship with a soup lunch to follow and 6pm for soup with worship to follow at 7pm. The theme for this year is *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*.

I will be away in Tennessee for President's weekend. I get to be with our family at our daughter's cabin.

Many blessings! **Pastor Pam**



Happy Fat Tuesday!

Yes!!! It is that time of year when you clean out all your cupboards and fridges in preparation of Lent. For those of you who do fast for Lent, and meat is one of the items you may abstain from, we are having a Chili cook-off youth fundraiser on February 11th. All donations will go towards monies needed for either youth camp and/or the National Youth Gathering of 2018. Bring a chili for the competition and/or yourself to vote on a winner (and fill your belly in the process).

As I am writing this article, I am already preparing music for Lent. It is important to me that your personal 40 day journey to the cross is powerful and moving. So, hopefully my choices this year will fulfill your expectations.

Youth Music News!!!! Kaleidoscope meets on Tuesdays 4:30-5:30. Remember, this is for children ages K-5th grade. We will sing, dance, play instruments, play games/activities, do drama, and make crafts. We have lots of fun so come join us! We will continue this group through Lent. I will keep you posted on any schedule changes. We are working on material to present at a concert later on in the Spring.

Youth Band meets on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30. The band is working on a set list so they can put on a concert later on in the Spring. We will continue this group through Lent. I will keep you posted on any schedule changes.

Musicmakers meet on Tuesday mornings from 11:00-11:30. We are now focusing on their music rudiments through singing, rhythm instruments, and bells.

The **Chancel Choir** needs singers!!! Due to illnesses, relocation (moving away), and other commitments, we have lost a few choir members and have not replaced them. We need a certain amount of singers to maintain this group and we are currently barely meeting that amount. Anyone who can carry a tune (if you cannot sing parts, we will teach you) who can make a weekly Thursday night rehearsal commitment, please consider helping us out. For more information, please see Brian.

I apologize for a few hard-to-follow hymns last month...I felt they were necessary from a worship standpoint and important. I will always try to choose music you know and like, but sometimes that is not always possible. I also apologize for my microphone woes. The first two weeks of the new liturgy, many of you had a hard time hearing me as I led the new liturgy.

Which brings me to **NEW YEAR'S GOAL #1: A Consistent and high quality worship experience**. I want the sound system, the video screen, the music, the liturgy, et al. all to be consistent in their quality from week to week. Thank you for being patient through this long ongoing process.

Thanks!

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



High School and Young Adult Ministries

“For where two or three of you gather in my name, there I am with them” (Matthew 18:20). This verse always reminds me of Paul Stookey’s *The Wedding Song*. Weddings typically tend to be great moments of love that bring two people together as one. As we prepare to not only celebrate Valentine’s Day but also journey together into Lent, may we always remember that Jesus is present with us as we gather together and that Jesus is the love that binds us all together.



Mark your calendars! The next few months are chock full of fun activities – please be sure to make note of the following important dates in February:

Sunday, February 4th: The 52nd Annual SUPER BOWL is Sunday, February 4th! Be sure to get in on the Super Bowl Squares Tournament! Each square is \$10 (there are 100 squares). Prizes will be as follows: Quarter 1: \$25, Halftime: \$75, Quarter 3: \$50, Final: \$100. In addition, we will be collecting money and canned goods at service for “Souper Bowl of Caring” to benefit the Cal State Long Beach Food Pantry. Root for “your” team by bringing in donations! Special thanks to Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos for coordinating the Squares!



Sunday, February 11th: With February 11th being the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday (February 14th) and we are going to bring back our Chili Cook-Off after worship. Tell your friends! All are welcome! There is a \$10 suggested donation per family. All proceeds will benefit the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. There will be a sign-up sheet at church to bring your A-Game Chili! Special thanks to Tracy Burkard for helping to coordinate!

Saturday, February 17th – Monday, February 19th: Calling all high school and 8th grade students! Sarah will be taking a group of students to the Luther Glen High School Retreat. Cost for the weekend is \$70. Please let Sarah know no later than **Wednesday, January 31**, if you will be attending and submit a check for \$70 made out to Christ Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, February 21st: Even though the Confirmation class and LOft will be taking a break from meetings, we will still meet from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. to rehearse for the Living Stations of the Cross, dinner and Holden Evening Prayer. Be sure to be in attendance during the holy season of Lent to help us prepare for the powerful journey to the cross.

--Sarah



Preschool News

We had a very nice winter break December 22 through January 1st. School resumed on January 2nd. We settled back in with finishing up the roof work and getting the gates in working order.



We are continuing to plan for our 2018 auction, "Tiaras & Bowties" which will be on **Friday, March 9th at 6pm** at The Grand. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, February 11th and will be \$40 each. We sent out letters and are in the process of collecting donations. Looking forward to this fun-filled event!

In February we will have Special Person Day on Feb 8th. Each child will get to bring someone that is special to them like a grandparent, aunt, or uncle. They will go to Chapel together and then enjoy going classroom to classroom to participate in different activities as well as enjoy refreshments in the courtyard. Activities will include dying carnations red, making cards, decorate a candy bag, playing games, reading stories, getting photographed and decorating a picture frame.



Wishing you a beautiful month!
Lisa Clinton



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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February 14th -Ash Wednesday
Worship at 11:30am & 7:00pm

Wed, Feb. 21- Worship at 11:30am & 7:00pm; Soup Fellowship 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Wed, Feb. 28- Worship at 11:30am & 7:00pm; Soup Fellowship 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Wed, Mar. 7- Worship at 11:30am & 7:00pm; Soup Fellowship 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Wed, Mar. 14- Worship at 11:30am & 7:00pm; Soup Fellowship 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Wed, Mar. 21- Worship at 11:30am & 7:00pm; Soup Fellowship 12:00pm & 6:00pm

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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, February 12.**

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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. **There is a schedule change for this month; please note our next meeting is February 3 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, February 4th at 2pm.**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, Anne Bruner, Coleen Fenton, Ione Marchael, Ron Nelson and Joyce Rothrock.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns: BJ Anthony, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Dave Nell, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Lonnie Timney, Ed Trost and Cathy Westwood.

Family & Friends: Jeri Cooper Alacano, Alexis Blair, Lois Brown, John Byron, Frances Cavinder, Patrick Clinton, Rory Fitzpatrick, Vicki Fitzpatrick, Alberta Gray, Robert Hammersley, Paul Hayes, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Helen Horner, Mary Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Laurie Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Troann Loy, Peggy Meyer, Steve Nelson, Sylvie Olson, Lisa Paioni, Ross Panos, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Alicia Saldana, Bruce Short, Jack Stolle, Jack Taylor, Mary Tracy, Anna Watt-Morse, Bill Weston, Terri Weston, Jenny and Steve West, Ken Yokoyama 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

2/15 Doug Holdhusen and D'Jesus Trujillo

2/27 Angie and Ron Nelson



2/1 Harriette Probst

2/2 Janan Fancher

2/4 Kathleen Davis

2/5 Angela Joseph

2/5 Kathy Mitchell

2/7 Gwen Ostergren

2/11 Jeff Rodrigues

2/12 Frank Croes

2/13 Jeanne Peterson

2/14 Kristin Garrett

2/14 Chloe Halverson

2/17 Rich Williams

2/18 Angie Rollins

2/19 Karen Wyrick

2/20 Laurel Elliott

2/21 Nancy Knight

Introducing your church council for 2018:

President	Kathy Treat
President-Elect	Greg Koch
Treasurer	Ken Yliniemi and Dave Challis
Treasurer-Elect	TBD
Secretary	Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos
Church in Society	Angie Freligh and Ruth Benner
Connections	Tracy Burkard
Education	Deborah Otterson
Evangelism	TBD
Property	Gary Thoen
Stewardship	Doug Holdhusen
Worship and Music	Lonnie Timney
Youth and Family	D'Jesus Trujillo

Thank you to our outgoing council members for all of your hard work on behalf of Christ Lutheran: Andy Trost, Chris Caldwell, Frank Croes, Jeanne Peterson, Phil Peterson, Greg Koch and Marvin Moon.

