



Pastor Pam's Pennings

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Welcome to February – that month I hated the most when living in the Midwest! Even with it being the shortest month, it felt like it lasted forever! Even with Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day, the month seemed eternal.

Now, this year in leap-year 2020, we have an extra day. In case you have forgotten, we need leap years to keep our modern-day Gregorian calendar in alignment with Earth's revolutions around the Sun. But here in sunny California? It's not so bad! This month, like all the months, just flies by!

Natalie and I will be participating in the CLC-LV Women's Retreat in St. George, UT, the second weekend of this month. She got to see the beauty of the Grand Canyon and now she'll see the same canyon system from the beauty of Zion! Plus, we will spend the weekend doing a *Faith Lift!* It will be fun!

February brings the opportunity for our congregation to support the Preschool in their annual fundraiser, *Boots and Bling...it's a Country Thing.* Tickets are \$45 and sales will begin this month. The event is Friday, March 13 at The Grand! Please plan to attend, or help with obtaining auction items/services for the auction portion of the event. Thank you for your help in this matter. Donations are due on Friday, February 28. Our Preschool is a true gem in the ministry of our congregation!

Our Capital Campaign kickoff is on the weekend of February 22 -23! Phyllis Wiederhoeft, of Mission Investments Group will be here to help us begin this three-year program that the Capital Campaign Committee has titled: ***This is Church: Welcome Home! Seeing with 2020 Vision.*** Many thanks, and many prayers are needed as we think about our campus and look to complete the necessary work to make this facility safe, secure, and a welcoming place for everyone. Please say a BIG thank you to: Andy Trost, Gary Burkard, Steve Howard, Rebecca and Matt Green, and Doug Holdhusen when you see them. We have a fabulous team and God is good!

Ash Wednesday is on February 26. We will have worship at 11am and 7pm, and I'll be at the *Trader Joes* shopping center offering ashes from 1-3pm. Feel free to join me. And poof! Another month is gone!

+Blessings+
Pastor Pam



Greetings!

It has been a month and I am still pondering what my resolutions will be this year. As for church, I usually do my “Spring” cleaning just before Lent. Other than that, I hope you all enjoy the “Light” music up until Lent.



Youth Music News!!!!



Music Makers are meeting on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:15. They are learning new instruments and having a blast.

Outreach Youth Band is primarily made up of home-schooled children, who are starting a busy section of their home studies. With that said, they will start back up when they can fit it in their schedule.

The Music Teams are already preparing for Lent. Please consider joining us seasonally for choir and/or Handbells.



Worship Report: Nothing new to report other than considering helping out on Altar Guild and/or as a Worship Assistant...and please check the flowers chart and consider filling in any empty weeks so we always have fresh flowers on Sundays.

Once again, thank you for your time, talents, and treasures...as well as your love and support.

Your humble Director,

Brian Madigan

A note from our intern, Natalie Loepke...

Time is flying, the last month of my internship is just beginning but this will definitely not be my last time in the US. Thank you so much everyone who chats with me after worship and whenever we meet at church! I am very grateful to meet so many lovely people and hear a lot of amazing stories from all the parishioners.

I expected this internship to be a wonderful time, but it surprises me even more how much I love it here. This congregation has an amazing community of people.

In my first few weeks in the US I already saw the Grand Canyon thanks to Pastor Pam; it is a stunning place! And I had an awesome vacation at Joshua Tree with the Timney Family as well as the Freligh Family. I feel like I have found myself some friends here and many people I will definitely miss when I'm back in Germany (Germans appear to be not nearly as friendly, cheerful and hospitable as Americans).

I am also glad to say I have found my exam project which will be a Confirmation lesson about the topic »**the neighbor**«. It is especially interesting because I worked with these Bible verses in college before and now get a new perspective by preparing it for youth and also compare the verses between the German and English translations. As always, I am working on my exam paper for college as well as on the general reports for my professors.

Chapel with the preschool kids is also an enjoyable time, it's fun to sing songs with them and also refreshing to hear kids' answers to biblical questions that Pastor Pam has for them. Other than that, I try not to think about the 4th of March too much. The next (my 6th) semester at college begins on April 1st and will be my last »**real**« semester of studying - after that (from October through March) I will write my bachelors thesis ... until then I will figure out a way to come back to California!

Natalie Loepke



Preschool News

We had a very nice winter break December 23 through January 1st. School resumed on January 2nd and January remained a pretty calm month.



the process of collecting them.
forward to this fun-filled event!

We are continuing to plan for our 2020 auction, "Boots & Bling...It's A Country Thing." which will be on Friday, March 13th at 6pm at The Grand. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, February 2 and will be \$45 each. We sent out letters requesting



donations and are now in Everyone is looking



In February, we will have Special Person Day on the 6th. 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, making candy, playing games, reading stories, taking a picture and decorating a picture frame.



Wishing you a beautiful month!
Lisa Clinton

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, Judy Haenn, Ione Marchael, Carol Price and Harriette Probst.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns: Ruth Barnes, Daniel Howard, the Joseph family, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Cathy Westwood, Gary and Linda Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Gladi Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, James Boner, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Charlie and David Corm, Gable Cross, Noah Dodd, Rex Endrizzi, Malcom Gay, Alberta Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Russ Hoxie, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Justin Irwin, Kylie Jackson, Rev. George Johnson, Ward Jones, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Tom Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Ian Ollie, Joyce Pressler, Joe Priuer and family, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Debbie Reighard, Sharon, Mary Kathryn Rivera, the Titus family, Anna Watt-Morse and Tristan Weisel.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

- + Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia
- + First responders who provide safety, security and care
- + Those serving in our nation's military, especially: Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, Damian Ellsworth, 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, Dominic Vancini, Jonah Westcott & Collin White.



- 2/15 Doug Holdhusen & D'Jesus Trujillo
- 2/27 Ron and Angie Nelson
- 2/28 Scott and Gaby Ihrig



- 2/1 **Harriette Probst**
- 2/2 **Janan Fancher**
- 2/3 **Sarah Swagler**
- 2/4 **Kathleen Davis**
- 2/5 **Angela Joseph**
- 2/7 **Gwen Ostergren**
- 2/9 **Natalie Stamer**
- 2/11 **Jeff Rodrigues**
- 2/12 **Frank Croes**
- 2/13 **Jeanne Peterson**
- 2/14 **Chloe Halvorson**
- 2/17 **Rich Williams**
- 2/18 **Angie Rollins**
- 2/19 **Karen Wyrick**
- 2/20 **Laurel Elliott**
- 2/21 **Nancy Knight**
- 2/27 **Christine Chiem**

This is Church. Welcome Home!
Seeing 2020 Vision
What are we doing and why are we doing it?

Does the term “Capital Campaign” make you want to take a break from church until the whole thing blows over? If so, you’re not alone. However, the reality is that it takes funding to do ministry. Since churches gave up selling indulgences several centuries ago, this funding generally comes in the form of gifts to the church. Of course the church needs funding to carry out the ministries of teaching, reaching out to others, gathering folks together for worship and reaching beyond the church to serve.

However, the most compelling reason for conducting a capital campaign is to assist people in their personal faith and financial walk. You see, the two are linked together. How we manage our finances is influenced by what we believe and our values. Our values are directly impacted by where we choose to send the thousands and thousands of dollars that pass through our hands over the course of our lives.

As a congregation stretches itself to reach a large, challenging goal such as retiring a debt, expanding facilities, or upgrading existing facilities, people also begin to talk about the past, present and future ministries of the congregation. How will this project be a blessing to us? How will we be a greater blessing to others as a result of doing this project? As we dream and discuss we start to sense a growing sense of hope and eagerness to “get after it.”

The experience of working together as a congregation to achieve a large goal helps build up our confidence and increases our faith that God really is providing for what need day by day, dollar by dollar, and step by step.

So to answer the questions in the headline:

What are we doing? We’re boldly stepping out in faith through a Capital Campaign that starts in March 1 and concludes in April 5 (though gifts pledged will be received for three years). You’ll learn a lot more about this on February 23 at worship.

Why are we doing this? We’re doing this to implement a series of enhancements and improvements to our campus. As the caretakers of God’s house, we are responsible to ensure the long-term integrity of Christ Lutheran, our church home. This will help our people trust at a very deep level that God is still in charge. Economic situations go up and down like a yo-yo. Some years we have plenty; some years we barely scrape by. Every year God provides. We will start where we are, we will share what we have, and we will trust that God will take what we are able to do and do miraculous things with our combined efforts.

Why else are we doing this? We’ve been discussing some exciting goals. The beautification and enhancements to our sanctuary will provide a worshipful environment for all who attend. A Capital Campaign is the tool we’ve chosen to accomplish all this.

