



**Pastor Pam's Pennings**

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*Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever. Song of Azariah 1:45*

It's officially summertime and the traffic is crazy once again! We, who haven't traveled much these last months are shocked and surprised – okay, I am. I had forgotten how quiet last year was on the street where Dave and I live. Now? The partying goes on 'til all hours – especially on the weekend.

Am I complaining? Not really, I'm just stating the facts of our daily lives now that the ocean has become a vacation destination once again. What are your summer plans this year? Are you going to go somewhere, or is someone you care about coming here? Will you be changing your routine as the days lengthen and get hotter?

Vacation Bible school happens July 12-14! So happy to be back with VBS!

I cannot wait to see our family at the end of this month. It's been almost two years since we have seen our children and grandchildren and I know they have grown – a LOT! Hopefully, the red tide problem that is happening as I write this newsletter will have corrected itself along the Gulf coast of Florida.

Just remember, that no matter where you go, Christ Lutheran Church worship can go with you! We are still livestreaming our 8:30am worship experience and our preschool chapel experience as well!

Enjoy these days of renewal and refreshment. As the Apocryphal Book, the Song of Azariah says, *bless the Lord!*

Summer blessings  
*Pastor Pam*



Hello my friends,

I am currently planning for a normal Fall schedule. I know there may be some set-backs along the way but I am hopeful we can return to some sort of normalcy by this time.



We are currently having a summer handbell workshop for us ringers to dust off the rust and teach any new ringers who are interested in ringing with us this upcoming season. We are meeting most Wednesday nights@6:00 until early August. This is a wonderful time to come learn to play the handbells.

As for choir, I am hoping for rehearsals for the Fall to begin by September. Please consider singing with us this year, for we lost some choir members who have moved away during the pandemic.

I plan to return both handbells and choir rehearsals to the same Thursday evening as in the past for a one night only commitment in the Fall. As for the summer, other than handbells, I plan to release all the stress and tension I've accumulated throughout the past 15 months and start fresh this Fall. I'm looking forward to it!



Your humble director,

Brian



## Preschool News

In June we celebrated Father's day early on Friday, June 11 with Dads and Donuts. We had small tables set up outside the sanctuary and they could make a reservation for a 15 minute time slot. We enjoyed individual activities that included making paper ties, building with marshmallows & toothpicks, and making a book mark. Dads could then take their "grab & go" donuts, fruit, and water.

We ended another year of Growing in God's Love on Wed, June 23<sup>rd</sup> with a special graduation ceremony for those going to Kindergarten. Each of our 15 graduates were able to bring 2 guests. For our school wide End of Year Program, we did a slideshow and videos of each class singing for everyone to watch at home. Each class had individual class parties for the last day.



Our teachers then worked hard the next two days while the school was closed to get everything cleaned and switched over for our summer session.

Our "Sense-Sational Summer" summer program began on June 28th. Each week we will use our senses to explore different themes that include: Imagination Station, Rainbow World, Kitchen Chemistry, Water, Water Everywhere, Sensational Sounds, Messy Mixtures & Experiments, Ooey Goey, and Budding Builders. We will also participate in the Church Vacation Bible School July 12-14. Special Guests will include: Pump & Splash, Rhythm Child Drums, Mad Science Fire & Ice show, Foam Party & Snow cones, and an Obstacle Course Bounce House.

Looking forward to a fun-filled summer,  
Lisa Clinton

# Your Church at Work

## Church Council News

### President's Report for June

**By Debra Albrecht**

A big thank you to all the people that helped get the church ready for in-person worship by cleaning and decorating it for Pentecost Sunday. Thank you to the Worship Committee for developing all the protocols to continue keeping us safe. During June and July, we will continue to add more in-person activities.

Please remember to set your calendars for Sunday, June 27 at 9:30 AM for the presentation of the CAT survey results. Pastor Pam will be sharing the results with you in hybrid manner. She will do it in-person and on Zoom at the same time. Thank you again for taking the CAT survey. You gave the church council helpful information so that we can begin developing our strategic plan in August.

### Stewardship

Is it too early to talk about our annual Stewardship Drive for 2022? I think not. This year we will focus not only on what our members give, but also on what Christ Lutheran gives. Over the next few months, we will be highlighting some of the missions that you support by supporting CLC. The list is long and the needs we meet are many – **Linda Gawthorne, New Life Beginnings, Bright Star Bethlehem, CSULB Food Pantry, Lutheran Camping, Habitat for Humanity, ELCA Disaster and Hunger Relief, Lutheran Social Services** – just to name a few. When you are asked to fill out a pledge card later in the year, and to commit to supporting CLC financially, we are also going

to ask you to “adopt” one of these missions, and to commit some effort in 2022 towards it. Be it canned food, clothing, volunteer time, money, or simply prayer, our goal will be to talk about the stewardship of our time, talents, and treasures in terms of the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church.

***Matt Green***

### Connections

The coffee and treat table is back on the inner courtyard. We hope you have stopped to have a few moments of fellowship with CLC members after either worship service. The coffee is currently brewed at Starbucks, and we are offering prepackaged sweet treats. Hope to see you out there soon.

### Church and Society Committee

Thank you for your generous donations to COA (Christian Outreach in Action) during the month of June. Our donation focus for July will be CSULB Food Pantry. The “Raise the Roof” fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity will be on Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 2:00-5:00 at The Wine Crush in Long Beach. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, or know of a business that would be interested, please contact Claudia Fitzpatrick.



**Members at Home  
or in Care Centers:**

Justin Bartlow, Judy  
Haenn, Ione

Marchael, Carol Price, Frances Willms.

**Those struggling with illness or other  
concerns:** Daniel Howard, Bary & Janice  
Schlieder, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Marylyn, Terry, Gladi  
Adams, Jeri Cooper Alacano, Marilyn  
Armstrong, John Byron, Clara & John  
Caldwell, Charlie and David Corm, Mary  
and Max Croes, John Daly, Becky Dave,  
Tamra Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy,  
Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Evie  
Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Ben Horner,  
Bill and Teria Horner, Kylie & Crystal  
Huber, JoDee Irwin, Victoria Johnson,  
Doris Jung, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr,  
Barb Ontiveros, Kristina & Scott Randolph,  
Debbie Reighard, Bob Schlaf, Beth  
Schluemer, Casey and Mark Smith, Jolene  
Smith, Anna Watt-Morse, Steve and Jenny  
West.

**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, Rachel  
& Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle,  
Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton,  
William Eaton, Damian Ellsworth,  
Gabriel Gallegos, Richard Gallegos,

Chandler Hoover, John Lamberton,  
Brittany Graham-Karsten, Davis  
McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn,  
Haley Fessenden, Johnny Luna,  
Shawn McRae, Emily Merritt,  
Brina Navarro, Steven Andrew  
Navarro, Michael Joseph Navarro,  
Jim Reeder, Sophie Schade,  
Douglas Steelhammer, Dominic  
Vancini, Jonah Westcott & Collin  
White.



**7/20 Casey (Burkard) & Mark Smith**

- 7/1 Enzo Strain**
- 7/4 Ken Yliniemi**
- 7/11 Noah Timney**
- 7/11 Matt Weisel**
- 7/12 Ben Elliott**
- 7/20 D'Jesus Trujillo**
- 7/22 Jenn Ostergren**
- 7/29 Sydney Nichols**
- 7/30 Rebecca Green**





The Church in Society committee has developed a new giving plan for 2021 year. Since we are not able to be in worship together, which makes it very difficult to bring material donations for the ministries we support, we will focus on specific programs each month and collect financial contributions to distribute. Until we return to the physical church space, special offerings can be designated in the memo line of the check or information box on PayPal.

July – 2021= CSULB Food Pantry -Food Items are now welcome.

August – 2021= Student backpacks- possibly for LSS

\*Members who have pledged to organizations such as Habitat or Miracle Ranch will continue with their regular pledges.

\*When we return to “normal” we will resume regular collection of **items** for the CSULB Food Bank, New Life Beginnings, COA, and LSS (Lutheran Social Services). Keep LSS and COA in mind when you do have items to donate. **You can take items directly to their locations** even though **we** are not collecting for them right now. Their addresses can be found on line or call the church office for their phone numbers. There might be occasions where we will sponsor an in gathering of specially needed items for any of these organizations as situations arise.



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If you are a Ralph’s Shopper, please add Christ Lutheran to the Community Programs partnership attached to your Ralph’s card. We received a donation for **\$84.47** from just **15** households for March through May.



We also receive contributions from **Amazon Smile** if you designate Christ Lutheran as the charity of choice for eligible purchases. We have received **\$47.44** **January through March of this year.** Thanks so much!

Direct your  
Thrivent Choice  
Dollars  
Today!



Eligible clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches. CLC has received **\$1460.00 so far in 2021**. Thank you to

church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.

Please look for our newest **Christ Lutheran Group on Facebook** and join it!! You are free to post pics, stories of hope, meaningful bible verses, acts of kindness you want to share with your church family. **This page is for YOU!!**



## **Vacation Bible School**

July 12 - 14, 2021

Monday - Wednesday, 9am - Noon

VBS is a time of worship, crafts,  
Bible Stories,  
fun, & games

For youth 4 yrs. - completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Youth volunteers (6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school)  
welcome

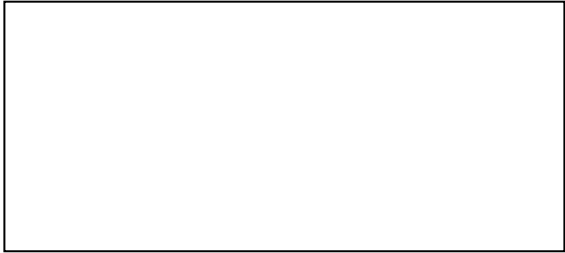
Cost: Suggested donation of \$15 per child

*Please use separate forms for each child, extra  
registration forms available at*

[www.christlutheranlb.com](http://www.christlutheranlb.com)

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**Return service Requested**



**Mission Statement:**  
Christ Is Alive!

**Vision Statement:**

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With His love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

**August NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**July 15**

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