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Dear Friends in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! What evocative and joyful Holy Week to Easter celebrations we shared in April! Thank you to so many people who came out to prepare, participate and tidy up for all the celebrations. We celebrated the Holy Baptisms of two of our younger members, Donald Nielsen and Annie Johnson, and welcomed them into the body of Christ and the mission we all share!

As I come to the end of a full year as part-time Interim Pastor at Christ Lutheran, I reflect on the amazing gifts and talents of members and friends in this community of faith. I am grateful every day for the shared ministry that lets us reveal God's love to the Pre-School families, to those attending worship, to families celebrating memorial or funeral services, to those in need in the wider community, and to each other.

I am happy to write that I will remain as part-time Interim Pastor for at least 6 more months (May – October) or until the permanent pastor is called to Christ Lutheran. Beginning in May, I will work a fuller time schedule for 3 weeks of the month, and then be “off” for one week, including a Sunday. All the details of how this will work haven't been finalized, so stay tuned!

We ask that you continue to pray for members of the Pastoral Call Committee as they continue their work to identify and interview candidates for the permanent Pastor position at Christ Lutheran. There is such energy and enthusiasm within the committee that I am sure expresses the vitality of Christ Lutheran Church and Pre-School! Alleluia!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor



Preschool News



On Friday, April 7, we celebrated Easter with an Egg hunt on the yard and then the children enjoyed a picnic lunch with their families. We had a huge turnout, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful sunshine! We closed at 12:30pm and were closed Monday, the 10th in celebration of Easter.



In April, we also celebrated Week Of the Young Child. We had fun activities each day to celebrate children and all the wonders they bring to us. The courtyard had displays of children's artwork and documentation boards showing how children learn through play. Our Theme for the week was "Kindness Matters". Monday - "Building a community full of Kind Hearts", Tuesday - "Paint the World with Kindness", Wednesday - "Kindness Rocks", Thursday - "One Big Family", and Friday- "Sprinkle Kindness" Donut Party.



The first week of May Teacher Appreciation May 12th, we will celebrate the blessing of mothers with Moms and Muffins in the courtyard at drop off time. May 19th the staff will have a staff development retreat. Finally, May 30 & 31, we will have Elks Vision screening come in to test the children's eyes for free.

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Blessings for a beautiful month!
Lisa Clinton

New Life Beginnings With a full house of mothers and children and prices going up on everything, they are currently in need of some gift cards to Sam’s Club, Costco, Target, Walmart or Smart & Final These will be used to purchase groceries and supplies for the families in the home. They are also open to receiving home grown produce such as oranges, apples, avocados, squash, etc.

These cards can be placed in the offering tray.

We will be collecting until Sunday, May 14.



If you are a Ralph’s Shopper, please add Christ Lutheran to the Community Programs partnership attached to your Ralph’s card. We received donations totaling \$90.34 from just 13

households since January 2023.

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 received \$1818.00 in only 4 months! Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.

Saturday, May 13th

Sons of Norway will meet at noon. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture.

Thursday, May 11th

***OWLs (Obviously Wise Lutherans)** will meet at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall. Bring a side dish to share.

Sunday, May 21 following worship, **Water Color Class** Will be held in the social hall. watch for details coming soon.

Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost
We will be welcoming new members in to the CLC family. If you are interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran this day, please call the office.



Tuesday, May 30th

Daytimer's LunchBunch will meet at 11:30am at Hof's Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.

Sunday, June 4th

Graduate Sunday we will be honoring our grads for the academic year ending 2023. Let the office know if a member of CLC is graduating from high school or receiving a bachelor, master, or doctoral degree.

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EVE

SARAH

REBEKAH

RACHEL

JOCHEBED

PHARAOHS DAUGHTER

NADMI

HANNAH

ELIZABETH

MARY

Spring Coloring Page





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

Justin Bartlow, Laurie Ennen, Ione Marchael, Sydney Nichols, and Frances Willms.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns: Don Darnauer, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Chris and Sheryl Hunter, Karen Koch, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Kurt Weisel, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

***Family & Friends:** Michael, Noah, Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, Glenn Darnauer, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Helen Hagen, Evie Holdhusen, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Jeff and Cindy, Ben Kalish, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Paula Pettit, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Cindy, Mary Kathryn Rivera, JR Rose, Vicki Thompson, Jessica, and Jenny West.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

- + Christ Lutheran's Pastoral Call Committee
- + Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia
- + First responders who provide safety, security, and care
- + Those serving in our nation's Military, especially Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris, Morgan Llewellyn, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.



5/7 Kristina and Rob Randig



5/2 Rob McGee
 5/8 Katelyn Ramos
 5/10 Jessica Stamer
 5/11 Ron Nelson
 5/12 Chris hunter
 5/18 Rich Oelschlaeger
 5/23 Elisabeth Jenkins
 5/31 Scott Moon

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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.

June Newsletter Deadline:

May 15

Life In Christ

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