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**Dear Friends in Christ,**

**June, July and August is busy at Christ Lutheran! The Pre-School celebrates the 'graduation' of almost a dozen students who will go off to kindergarten in the fall. They were gifted with a Spark Bible from the church on June 16<sup>th</sup> at their ceremony.**

**A July 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service with Bishop Brenda Bos kicks off our summer celebration. A BBQ after worship includes recognition for Gary & Tracy Burkhard, who are moving this month.**

**'Operation Restoration' is the theme for Vacation Bible School July 17-21, and many hands and hearts are planning for an exciting week! All the summer Pre-School students will participate, and everyone is encouraged to invite neighborhood kids, grandchildren, etc. age 2 yr. – 5th grade.**

**I will be on vacation July 8 – 29<sup>th</sup> and Pr. Deborah Anderson will be filling in for me for three Sundays.**

**And soon it will be time to plan for Fall activities! I am so grateful for all the people who have helped when asked, who have stepped in when needed, who have stepped up to keep Christ Alive!**

**Blessings to you,  
Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor**

**VBS**  
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**CHRIST**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH**

REGULAR  
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**\$25**  
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**AGES PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE**

story telling, music, science, crafts,  
 snack, outdoor games

**JULY 17-21**

**9:00AM - NOON**

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## Preschool News

In June we celebrated Father's day early on Friday, 6/9 with Dads and Donuts. We enjoyed breakfast and activities that included making paper ties, building with Legos, corn hole, and making key chains.

We ended another year of Growing in God's Love on Friday, 6/16/23 with a special graduation ceremony for those going to Kindergarten and an End of Year Program for everyone. Our teachers then worked hard during our two staff work days to get everything cleaned and switched over for our summer session.

Our "Summer of Opposites" began on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and our theme is, "Summer of Opposites". Our weekly themes for summer are: Sweet & Sour, Day & Night, Big & Small, High & Low, Stop & Go, Loud & Quiet, Hot & Cold, and Attract & Repel.

Special Guests will include: Guide Dogs of America, Foam Party & Snow Cones, and a Bounce House. We will also have a Guest Reader each week to read to all of the children out on the playground. Parents as well as church members are welcome to sign up to be a Guest Reader. Please email [info@clplb.com](mailto:info@clplb.com) if would like to volunteer.

We will continue having Chapel throughout the summer with Pastor Laurie and Claudia Fitzpatrick and will do it outside on the Labyrinth if weather permits. We will also participate in the Church Vacation Bible School the week of July 17th.

Looking forward to a fun-filled summer,  
Lisa Clinton

# Do you really know your PRE Fund?

If you have ever attended a congregational meeting, you probably heard the treasurer talk about the PRE Fund. You might have also seen it on your pledge cards or giving envelopes. As your current treasurer, I believe it's very important for you to know what it is and how it's going.

First of all, PRE stands for Property Repair & Enhancement. It is separate from the General Fund (which covers payroll, utilities, supplies, insurances, licenses, programs – basically the operating budget of the church). PRE covers the recurring services like gardeners, janitorial, preventative maintenance. It is also our “rainy day fund” (sometimes quite literally) to cover the equally important brick and mortar projects like roofing, painting, plumbing, electrical and general repairs. The projects can be large or small and I can guarantee we will *always* have them. Given that, we need to be financially prepared to handle them when they arise. There is a lot of room for improvement here.

Last year, the PRE fund was in significant debt. Over the years, we had to borrow from the Endowment fund to pay for mold remediation, roof repair on the sanctuary, LED lighting retrofit, electrical gear and emergency repairs. It got to the point where there wasn't a way to pay it all back. In October of last year, Council voted to forgive the loan PRE had with Endowment. PRE ended October with a clean slate. Since then, however, we have really had a lot of rainy days. The storms caused a significant amount of damage to the robing room and Columbarium. These repairs and others have driven the PRE Fund into the red again, **(\$8,689)** at the end of May.

I implore you to prayerfully consider giving a little extra to the PRE fund both now and when we start our pledge drive later this year. It's important to have funds available for those rainy days.

With sincere thanks,

Frank Croes  
Treasurer

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### Church in Society July Giving Focus.

The Church in Society committee will be collecting monetary donations to purchase school supplies that Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will be giving out to children in the community. You can donate through your giving envelopes. Pleas separate checks for your offering and the donation.

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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 donations totaling \$169.45 from just 13 households since January 2023.

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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 \$2667.00 in only 4 months! Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details



Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Hello, Good Bye BBQ

Following worship this day, will be a celebration to welcome Bishop Brenda Bos on her visit with us. The celebration will also be an opportunity to say farewell to Tracy and Gary Burkard as they move to Washington state.

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

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

July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> is “Operation Restoration”

Vacation Bible School. We will meet from 9am until 12noon for fun, friendship and bible lessons about Jesus helping to restore our energy, spirit and faith. On Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a BBQ potluck dinner and program where the children will present the songs they learned in VBS.



**Sons of Norway** takes a break in July and August. When they meet again in September, everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture. See you again in the fall.

Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

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



### 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, Shannon Howard, Chris and Sheryl Hunter, Karen Koch, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Doris Weinert, Kurt Weisel, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**\*Family & Friends:** Chad, Barrett, Michael, Noah, Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, Sue, Jerry and Rob Burns, John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, John Dahlem, Glenn Darnauer, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Gina Barvy Fournier, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Helen Hagen, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Jeff and Cindy, Ben Kalish, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Ronda Lynn, Alan Osterhout, Paula Pettit, Paul Perencevic, Frank R., Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Cindy, Mary Kathryn Rivera, JR Rose, Kyle Senior, 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.



- 7/10 Jeanne and Phil Peterson
- 7/18 Ann and Rich Williams
- 7/20 Casey and Mark Smith
- 7/28 Rebecca and Matt Green



- 7/11 Noah Timney
- 7/11 Matt Weisel
- 7/12 Ben Elliott
- 7/20 D'Jesus Trujillo
- 7/29 Sydney Nichols
- 7/30 Rebecca Green



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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.

**August Newsletter Deadline: July 15**

***Life In Christ***

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