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Dear Friends in Christ,

On November 5, 2023, we will again celebrate **All Saints Sunday**. This is the time each year we remember and give thanks for those who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. We will again have a cross in remembrance of our beloved ones where we can light candles in remembrance of our beloved ones. We will pray for the family and friends of our beloved Saints, as we hear again from Matthew's Beatitudes of those who are favored by God. On this day we will also give thanks for the living Saints who make up the Body of Christ at this time and place, trusting in the promises God has made to us.

On November 12, 2023, we will receive **New Members** during our worship service. This is such an exciting time for CLC, and we welcome more people into the community of faith!

On November 19, 2023, we will celebrate **Commitment Sunday**, with this year's theme "Together For Joy". During the whole month of November, we will be asking the congregation to think and pray about Time, Talents and Treasures to share.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, we will celebrate **Christ the King Sunday** (Nov. 26) which ends our church year. At the turning point in our church year, we celebrate the Jesus as the ruler of our lives, who is close to us, not far away.

As we focus our energy towards holiday celebrations, new beginnings, and our daily discipleship, I want to encourage each of you in prayer and worship as you allow God's love to flow thorough you!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor



Preschool News

October was a wonderful month at CLP.

Music Makers were invited to Church on Sunday, 10/8 to perform songs they have been working on with Mrs. Fitzpatrick. The children who were able to attend had a wonderful time and we look forward to seeing the upcoming monthly Music Maker performances at church in the future.

At our Auction last May, we raised money for Special Visitors to come to the school and on Monday 10/9 Happy Hooves Petting Zoo spent the morning on the preschool playground. There were sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens and a pig. The children were able to pet the animals and even brush some of them. All of the children loved it.

We brought back our monthly Family Get Togethers for the new school year. Families sign up to plan and /or host a get-together at their home, a park, an activity center, etc. There were always great turnouts, but these have been on pause since 2020. We are excited to be able to facilitate these opportunities for fellowship with the preschool families.

We had our annual Trunk-or-Treating on Tuesday, 10/31 to celebrate Halloween. The children dressed up and each class took turns going trunk to trunk in the parking lot to collect treats. They also enjoyed special activities in their classrooms. Thank you to everyone that participated in our Trunk-or-Treating! The trunks looked great and the children had a lot of fun.

In November, our staff will be attending a conference as a group to learn new ways of handling challenging behavior in the classroom. We will also host a Pajama Day where the children can wear pajamas to school as well as bring a pair of new, child sized pajamas and a book to donate to LSS. November 22nd we will celebrate Thanksgiving with individual classroom celebrations. Each classroom will make placemats and centerpieces to decorate and will sing a song and say a prayer before eating. We will be closed on November 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Blessings for a beautiful month!
Lisa Clinton

Church in Society November Giving Focus: The Church in Society committee will be collecting food items and cash donations to provide a dinner meal for Christian Outreach in Action (COA). They will be passing around clipboards so that you can sign up to bring needed food supplies or cash where it might be needed. You can donate through your giving envelopes. Please separate checks for your offering and the donation.



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 \$250.39 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 \$2761.00 in only 7 months!** Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.



Saturday, November 4th, at 10am all current **altar guild members** and anyone interested in finding out what is entailed in assisting with sanctuary preparation, are requested to come to the sanctuary. We want to be certain that everyone is setting up the same way for the possible arrival of our new pastor.

Sunday, November 5th **Music Makers** from the preschool will be singing for us during worship.

Thursday, November 9th
***OWLs (Obviously Wise Lutherans)** will meet at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. Bring a side dish to share.

Sunday, November 12th, we are welcoming **new members** to the church. If you or anyone you know is looking for a church home, please reach out to Pastor Laurie through the church office



Sons of Norway meets on Saturday, November 11th at noon in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture.

Sunday, November 19th is **Commitment Sunday**, and we will celebrate together after we leave our pledges at the altar. Watch for details coming soon.

Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, CLP and CLC will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Day Timer's LunchBunch meet Tuesday, November 28th, at 11:30am at Hof's Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.

Lutheran Maritime Ministry



Lutheran Maritime Ministry requests the items listed below for Christmas Gifts for the International Seafarers Center. The seafarers are very grateful for these gifts, and your thoughtful concern for them during the holiday season.

Please bring a Christmas gift bag filled with items from this list. The staff at the Seafarer Center will add bibles, devotionals and other appropriate spiritual support materials.

Suggested Items (full size only, no samples):

Body wash, shampoo, shave cream (some brands make a 3-in-one product)
 Deodorant, comb, socks,
 Tooth paste, toothbrush
 Note pads, pens, envelopes

Other Gift Items:

Knit Watch Caps (Neutral colors & no pom poms or tassels please)
 Cologne or aftershave
 Microwave popcorn, chewing gum, deck of cards, cup soup Individually wrapped hard candy (no chocolate)

**Deadline for Christ Lutheran to
 receive : December 18**

We will once again be collecting pajamas and books for children attending Lutheran Social Services Christmas Party



During the Black Friday sales and the Cyber Shopping days would be a great time to get some deals on little pairs of jammies for babies, toddlers, and young kids. The children are given an age appropriate book to go with their pj's at the Christmas party, so we are looking for donations of those too. New or gently used are most welcome. Please drop these items off at church on Sunday, December 10th or make arrangements with Kim for weekday drop off.



Lutheran Social services will need volunteers again this year to help get things ready for the community party on Friday, December 15. Please contact Claudia Fitzpatrick if available to help.



Members at Home or in Care Centers: Laurie Ennen, Ione Marchael, Sydney Nichols, and Frances Willms.

+ Those serving in our nation's Military, especially Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris, Morgan Llewellyn, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.

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

***Family & Friends:** Carolina, Chad, Barrett, Michael, Noah, John Baker, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, Sue, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, Denise Davis, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Gina Barvy Fournier, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Barbara Hagar, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Ronda Lynn, Farnaz Perl, Paula Pettit, Paul Perencevic, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Sharry Reed, Tom Sievers, Marie Spangler, Von, Vicki Thompson, Jessica 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



11/2 Amanda and Derek Johnson



11/1	Andy Trost
11/1	Doris Weinert
11/6	Janice Schlieder
11/7	Ann Williams
11/9	Mike Maricle
11/10	Jake Treat
11/11	Justin Randig
11/15	Deborah Otterson
11/16	Ruth Barnes
11/16	Mike Freligh
11/20	Phil Peterson
11/22	Barbi Darnauer
11/23	Jeremy Rodrigues
11/25	Adam Elliott
11/28	Paige Mills

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Mission Statement

Living by Christ's example,
we welcome, serve, and love
all through God's grace.

Vision Statement

Embracing the truth that God's love
and grace is for all, Christ
Lutheran Church is a vibrant
and active community spreading
the good news through acceptance,
action, and benevolence.

Our Position

Christ is ALIVE!

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Worship 9:30am**
**Live on FB or later on YouTube
Channel**



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