



## Life in Christ, Vol. 68 Issue 3 March, 2024

Beloved of Christ Lutheran-

As all of you have likely noticed, I am a redhead. However, maybe not all of you are aware of the level of excitement I reach when I meet and encounter other redheads.

Redheads are rare things to behold when you live in Southern California. We have lots of blondes and brunettes, but not many redheads. When I was younger and would visit my Dad in Minnesota, I began to realize that I was not alone with my red locks as it seemed like every other checkout girl at the grocery store had strawberry-blonde or red hair. I had mixed feelings about this. I liked being unique and not looking like everyone else, but there were times where I wished that others besides my family might sport this beautiful color and make me feel not quite so different.

According to the internet, Redhead Appreciation Day is held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> of every year. Now I wouldn't say we celebrate this high holy day, but rather we observe it year-round. However, it seems the day doesn't pass without one of my Facebook friends tagging me in a shared appreciation post (like Facebook's version of the chain letters of my childhood). It often offers fun facts about redheads. Other times it links to celebrations of redheads that are hosted near and far. And still others attempt to squash some myths about redheads, particularly one that states that redheads will become extinct in the next century.

But I can't complain too much, because it is in one such share, this time offline, that I heard about the book, "***Little Redheads Across America.***" The book was created by a parent who was amazed at the attention her redheaded son received because of his hair and who wanted to provide her son and other "red-haired kids with the sense that they're not alone, even though it sometimes feels that way." I cannot imagine she knew how much this book would mean to "bigger kids" like me too.

I appreciate books like "*Little Redheads Across America*" very much because they help us to normalize who we are and empower us to be who we are just the way we are. Now imagine if we had books like "*Little Bald Men Across America*" or a "*Little Gray-haired Ladies Across America*" gracing our bookshelves? Maybe you'd add another to this list? Although

these books don't exist (yet!), we all can move forward as if they did, confident that we are not alone and can be encouraged in our living, as we are united as God's children here to do the work of the Lord just the way we are.

Our book could be called, "Little Christians Across America." Although we do not all look the same, feel the same, think the same, etc., we are God's beloved children and are equally called to share Christ's love with the world. May it be so in us.

*Pastor Nikki*

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## Preschool News

February flew by! We had a wonderful Special Person Day where just about every child had a Special Person! For Valentine's Day, the classrooms each had their own parties to celebrate. We had a special Wednesday Chapel to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Parents were invited to join and receive ashes as well. Music Makers were invited to sing on Sunday, February 11th and we had a special ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing of our new playground after Church. We are so thankful for the generosity of all of our donors over the last 5 years that helped to make this possible!

In the month of March, we will have our auction, "A Night of Imagination" which will be on Friday, March 8th at 6pm at The Grand Event Center. Feel free to dress up and have a fun night out while supporting CLP! We will have silent auction items, various raffle games and a wine pull. We will have small bites, a candy table and chocolate fountain. We will conclude the event with our 50/50 raffle, live auction, and 'fund an item' to raise money for a new stove/oven for the kitchen. Tickets are \$65 each and include a drink ticket good for one glass of wine, beer or well drink or 2 soft drinks. The deadline to purchase tickets is February 29.

In March, we will have fun with the children's imaginations while we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Then, the last two weeks we will have parent teacher conferences and Registration for our upcoming summer and fall sessions.

Wishing you a beautiful Spring! *Lisa Clinton*

## For your calendars...

Sundays - March 3, 10, 17 we will host Lenten soup lunches and devotions following worship.

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Worship & Music Committee will have their monthly meeting in the Adult lounge after worship. Get your soup from the kitchen and join the meeting.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17, & 24, Women's Bible Study at 6pm in the Adult Lounge. See ad in this newsletter .

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, is the OWLs in the Nest Lunch. Join us in the conference room at noon for lunch and good fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, the Preschool will hold it's auction fundraiser at the Grand Event center. Contact the preschool or church office for info and

tickets. The preschool has been very generous to our church campus, let's help them raise funds to enhance the children's experiences here.

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon Sons of Norway meets in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture.

Also, Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, the church council will spend the day in retreat. Let's pray for their time together.

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am, the Altar Guild would like assistance decorating the sanctuary for Palm Sunday.

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, a brunch reception is being planned. Stay tuned for more details.

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
DayTimer's LunchBunch  
1130am at Hof's Hut,  
Bellflower Boulevard

# GOD OF DELIVERANCE

A STUDY OF EXODUS 1-18

JEN WILKIN



## A 10-SESSION STUDY BY JEN WILKIN

Join us for this verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1-18 to discover how Israel's story is our story: The same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

## *CLC Women's Bible Study*

WEDNESDAYS • FEBRUARY 21 – APRIL 24  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH • LOUNGE  
6500 Stearns Street, Long Beach

Contact: Shannon Timney at (562)209-5699



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

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

**\*Family & Friends:** Carolina, Chad, Barrett, Michael, Noah, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, Denise Davis, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Barbara, Gina Barvy-Fournier, Daryl, Cindy Gray, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Ronda Lynn, Farnaz Perl, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Sharry Reed, Tom Sievers, Christine Storm, Von, Vicki Thompson, Paul Valenzuela, and Jessica 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 Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris, Morgan Llewellyn, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.



3/1	Shaun Murray
3/2	Derek Johnson
3/3	Doug Holdhusen
3/5	Frances Willms
3/12	Chris Caldwell
3/14	Brian Trost
3/16	Steve Howard
3/21	Linda Gawthorne
3/22	Ken Petrbock
3/24	Kim Magee
3/27	Stefan Joseph
3/28	Garrett McGee
3/30	Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

You are warmly invited to join  
Christ Lutheran Church  
as we journey through Holy  
Week.

Palm Sunday, March 24 @ 9:30am  
Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm  
Good Friday, March 29 @7pm  
Celebration of the  
Resurrection of our Lord  
Easter Sunday, March 31 @9:30am

Easter worship will also be live streamed @  
[www.facebook.com/christlutheranlb](http://www.facebook.com/christlutheranlb)

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# By Heart

## Do you like to Sing?



Please join us to sing just for fun. Lots of old, familiar songs will ring out. No experience or expertise is necessary. All levels welcome!

Piano by Karla Devine

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>St Timothy Lutheran Church</b>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>4645 Woodruff Ave.</b>
<b>Starting March 1</b>	<b>Lakewood Choir Room</b>

### Sunday Ed Opportunity

Course name: Managing your e-mail and internet security

Course description: We will cover some basic tips for managing your e-mail, learning how to unsubscribe from junk mail and be aware of potential internet scams sent by email.

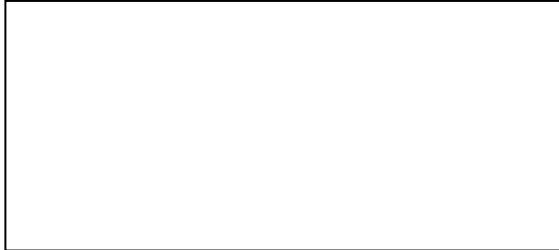
Class date: Sunday, April 7 Place: Conference Room or Social Hall

Instructor: Kim Magee

Materials Needed: Laptop, iPad, or tablet

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**Long Beach, CA 90815-3497**

**Return Service Requested**



**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!

April Newsletter Deadline:  
 March 15

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



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