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*With Jesus in your life, every day is a partial solar eclipse...or maybe a double rainbow!*

It's good to be back in the office and back to work after my surgery! I'm not at 100% yet, but working my way back there pretty quickly. Thank you again for all of your prayers, and the cards you sent to cheer me, as well as the yummy food Dave and I were able to share together. Your loving care made a big difference in my recovery.

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** is Wednesday September 6 at 7pm. All students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and those students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are expected to bring their parents/guardians to this meeting. We will have enrollment forms, release forms, insurance forms and sign-ups for cooking this year. It won't take more than 45 minutes, but it will make a HUGE difference as **CONFIRMATION** begins on Wednesday, September 13, at 5:30pm.

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS/RALLY DAY/ TEACHER INSTALLATION** is September 10. What fun we will have putting together all of the health kits from all of the materials you have so generously donated throughout this summer! Plus you will have an opportunity to help with the worship life, ministry and mission of our congregation as you see all of the opportunities to share your gifts and talents both within our congregation and with those organizations that are part of us.



We will be installing our Teachers that day as well from our Preschool and Sunday school. It's always a blessing to see the amazing staff that works so diligently for the sake of our kids! Food will be served!!!

**CONGREGATION MEETING** – will be after worship on September 17. We will be hearing reports from all of the committees and the work they have been doing since our May meeting. We will get a chance to see our financial status and address any issues. Food will be served!



**THE OPEN TABLE- LONG BEACH** – this Monday night dinner/fellowship/worship opportunity will officially begin on September 18. If you have Facebook, you can help us spread the news by “liking” and “sharing” The Open Table-Long Beach from our Christ Lutheran Facebook page. See the flyer in this newsletter!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** – Will be after worship on September 24. This is for anyone who wants to become a member here at CLC, or for those who have transferred their membership in the past year. Food will be served!

**GRIEF GROUP** – will begin on Sunday, October 1 at 2pm in the Conference room. This group will meet once a month to be a support for all types of loss. This is not a closed group, so please attend as you can and invite others should they have the need.



**BLESSING OF THE PETS** will take place at 11(ish) in the courtyard. We will wait for you to go home to get your pet, or if you prefer, bring your pet into church and we can celebrate ALL of God's creation together.

**Adult Education** needs someone(s) to take over the coordination of this vital ministry position. This doesn't mean you have to teach, just be the one to put everything together. Please be prayerful and open to God's call to serve. I know God has someone in mind – is it you?

When we lived in New Mexico, one of the joys of this season was to experience double, full- arcing rainbows. It was a moment to pause and breathe and say, “thank you, God, for the beauty that is in this moment.” I pray as we move forward together this program year, we will have many opportunities to participate in those ‘thank-you’ moments. I thank God every day that we are pastor and people!



+Blessings+  
Pastor Pam



**Greetings!**  
**Rally Sunday!!!**

**This year, we will be having a Rally Sunday on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The primary reason is to generate excitement for the upcoming season and hear about all the programs we will be offering this year. We will be setting up tables for all of you to come hear about what we have to offer at Christ Lutheran...and there will be opportunities to sign up for each group.**



**Please do not get complacent; although we are usually healthy when it comes to congregational serving and giving, we need help! Some of the groups have the same people year after year and these individuals need help. Other groups seem healthy,**

**but need some reinforcements to maintain the quality of performance. Please consider donating your time and talents this season.**

**I am presently working on the music for the Fall season. I am excited about starting up all the music groups after Labor Day.**

**I have been brief with my newsletter articles because I have been busy this summer making the permanent transition to Long Beach. Wish me luck!**



**Your humble Director,**  
***Brian Madigan***

## Dates to Remember

August 29 Day Timer's LunchBunch 11:30am

August 30 Christian Outreach in Action (COA) Dinner

Sept. 4 Happy Labor Day!

Sept. 5 Alzheimer's Presentation

Sept. 10 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, Rally Sunday, and Teacher Installation

Sept. 17 Congregational Meeting

Sept. 18 Open Table Begins

Sept. 24 New Member Class

### MISLEADING NEWSPAPER HEADLINES--"Chapel for sailors to be demolished"

LUTHERAN MARITIME MINISTRY is going strong and will continue to work out of the International Seafarers Center (ISC) @ 120 Pico Avenue, next to the construction of the new "Gerald Desmond Bridge between Long Beach and Terminal Island.

"Our chaplain, Rev. Samson Chauhan, and other faith leaders will continue to minister out of the Center and aboard ships in the Ports of LA and LB! Christ Lutheran Church and several other churches provide mission support for this ministry that serves those working on cargo ships from around the world! In the process, we have an on-going working relationship and Christian witness with the Americans working in the ports! Worship services, Bible studies, transportation and other services will continue!"

Construction of the new bridge requires removal of a trailer that has served as the chapel next to the center! Traffic, including trucks coming down off the old bridge, currently exits and departs right in front of the Center. What a mess! But, Lutheran Maritime Ministry is right in the midst of it all! PRAY for safety!

"Thank you for your prayers and support for the ISC, LMM and the Christian witness that takes Jesus' love around the world in the hearts and minds of those (of many faiths) at risk on the seas!"

P.S. Please let the church know if you are interested in attending this year's event on the Queen Mary or going on "ride-a-longs"! More details coming!



## Preschool News

Our summer session was a lot of fun this year!

Special Guests included: trackless train, a drone, pony a boat, balloon animals, skateboarders, police car, and an course/bounce house.



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We had a new student orientation and then our end of summer celebration was on Friday, 8/25 from 12-1pm. We closed 8/28-9/1 for our staff work week to get everything cleaned and prepped for fall.

Our Fall session will begin on Tuesday, 9/5/17. Our teachers will receive a blessing from Pastor Pam and then be installed during worship on Rally Sunday, 9/10/17. Our staffing for fall will be Mrs. Brown in Room 1, Mrs. Griffith and Ms. Norman in Room 2, Mrs. Skinner in Room 3, Ms. Laney in Room 4, Ms. Theriault in Room 5, Ms. McFarland in Room 6, and Ms. Scott as our Floater. We will spend the month getting to know all of our new families and getting to know our current families even better.

Back to School night will be Monday, 9/25/17 at 6pm.

We wish all of our graduates going on to Kindergarten success and look forward to welcoming our new and continuing students to another year of *Growing in God's Love* at CLP.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Clinton







## *"Loose Threads"*



**Stop by our next Loose Threads gathering and learn to make a Snap Bag! Kits with all you need will be provided at no cost and we will have a couple of sewing machines available for you to use as well! These little bags are quick and easy and make great gifts! That will be Sunday, Sept 10, in the social hall, from 12:30 to 4:00PM (please note this in our new ending time). Please call Chris Panos at (562)986-4393 with any questions.**

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**Men's Bible Study** is taking a summer break. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin and your monthly

**newsletters to know when they will pick up again.**

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## **Pray for Peace in the Middle East**

Join Pastor Pam in the Sanctuary on the 24th of each month at 7pm to pray for peace in this fragile and volatile area of the world. Raising our voices together in hope for respect and resolution is one way that we can support our brothers and sisters in this region.



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The Sons of Norway meet in CLC's Social Hall at

noon on the second Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. Our next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

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## **Grief Group Begins in October**

**This group will meet once a month to be a support for all types of loss. This is not a closed group, so please attend as you can and invite others should they have the need.**



## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**



**Members at Home or in Care Centers:** Justin Bartlow, Anne Bruner, Mary Clayton, Coleen Fenton, Dorothy Henriksen, Ione Marchael, Mikki Nemnich and Joyce Rothrock.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** BJ Anthony, Pastor Pam Challis, Tom Chumley, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Eldre Larsen, Tricia Latiolait, Dave Nell, Chris Nelson, Bary & Janice Schlieder.

**Family & Friends:** Del Carlile, Robert Albert, John Byron, Anthony Callaghan, Edi Callas, Karen Chandler, Eve Clarkson, Patrick Clinton, Daniel Coles, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Carol Gray, Paul Hayes, Evie Holdhusen, Johanna Hope, Anna Horner, Helen Horner, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Ed Philips, Laurie Kelly, Lorcan Kelly, Katrina Lahr, Barbara Lindsay, Ron Manley, Mabel Manzur, Pastor Erin Martinson, Barbara McKinney, Jennifer Naraki, Steve Nelson, Paula Pette't, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Jari Robinson, Debra Sarvela, Sue Schlaf, Bruce Short, Perry Taggart, Jack Taylor, Rev. Paul Theiss, Janette Velarde, Bill Weston, Jenny, Jim & Steve West, Nancy Weston and Gary Zimmerman.

**We pray for the ongoing work of:**  
Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.

Those serving in our nation's military; especially Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, Nicholas Flournoy, Richard Gallegos, Chandler Hoover, John Lamberton, Brittany Graham, Davis McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn, Haley Fessenden, Johnny Luna, Shawn McRae, Emily Merritt, Steven Andrew Navarro, Michael Joseph Navarro, Jim Reeder, Sophie Schade, Douglas Steelhammer, Jonah Westcott, Joshua Wauchope and Collin White.

## ***Happy Anniversary***



**9/1** *Phyllis and Ron Kay*  
**9/10** *Kim and Frank Croes*  
**9/19** *Barbi and Don Darnauer*  
**9/27** *Laurel and Adam Elliott*



**9/2** *Linda Clark*  
**9/2** *Brandon Petrbock*  
**9/3** *Ricardo Espinoza*  
**9/6** *Nicholas Jenkins*  
**9/7** *Chris Panos*  
**9/8** *Sue Bredenkamp*  
**9/8** *Dorothy Henriksen*  
**9/8** *Eric Willms*  
**9/10** *Pastor Pam Challis*  
**9/12** *Nathan Latiolait*  
**9/14** *Hannah Rodrigues*  
**9/18** *Don Darnauer*  
**9/18** *Donna Johnson*  
**9/18** *Emily Randig*  
**9/19** *Amanda Paez*  
**9/20** *Ashley Cover*  
**9/21** *Jonah Koch*  
**9/25** *Kameko Flournoy*  
**9/25** *Kathy Treat*  
**9/27** *Wendy Espinoza*  
**9/28** *Linda Peralta*  
**9/29** *Samantha McGee*  
**9/30** *Matt Timney*



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