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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 2:00 pm we will have the Celebration of Life service for Harriette Probst at Christ Lutheran. Harriette was CLC’s longest living charter member and as I visited her at home since May, she told me GREAT stories about the beginnings and the middles of this wonderful faith community. She asked that we sing at her memorial service, “Pass It On”, which is a song I learned at camp. The words to the first verse are “*It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love. Once you've experienced it. You spread His love to ev'ryone.  You want to pass it on.”*

Doesn’t that just express Harriette’s active faith over the 65+ years we knew her? Maybe all her 99+ years on this earth.

How can we continue Harriette’s legacy of active faith by passing on God’s love? I have witnessed so many acts of dynamic faith in the few short months as your Interim Pastor. From stuffing student backpacks at Lutheran Social Services and welcoming Pre-school families with hot dogs! From grappling with administrative and financial issues and learning new technology for sound and streaming Sunday worship. From showing up to bring home communion and prayers to homebound folks and leading Preschool students in summer worship. And I am certain there is so much more going on “behind the scenes” to create space for God’s love to be revealed in our corner of Long Beach, CA.

I know Harriette was proud of all the ministry that connected CLC to the wider community. I know that we will continue to create those opportunities to pass on the love and grace and mercy we ourselves have received from God. Because *“Once you’ve experienced it, you spread His love. You want to pass it on!”*

Blessings to you,

Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor

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Preschool News



Our "World of Colors" summer session was lots of fun! Each week we explored different colors and ended with Rainbow week. Special Guests included: Mrs. Fitzpatrick's string trio performing music, Foam Party & Snow Cones, Critter Show and Bounce House. We also started having in person chapel with Pastor Laurie and Claudia Fitzpatrick.

We had a new student orientation on Friday, August 12 from 3:30-4:30pm. We had about 20 new students come for orientation. We started off in the courtyard for introductions, toured the school, then went on the playground to play and meet the teachers. The Church sponsored an end of summer hot dog BBQ on Thursday August 18th from 5-7pm. We had about 25 children attend with their families. Mrs. Fitzpatrick led the children in an informal performance of some of the songs they have been learning with her throughout the summer. Our end of summer celebration was on Friday, 8/19 and included a bounce house and school closed at 12:30pm. We closed 8/22-8/26 for our staff work week to get everything cleaned and prepped for fall. **The painting of the exterior of campus began on Saturday 8/20 and will continue throughout the month of September. We were able to get some of the repairs taken care of during this week as well. It was a very productive work week!**

**Our 2022-2023 school year began on August 29th.** Our teachers will be installed on Sunday, 9/18. Our staffing for fall will be Ms. Zacahula in Room 1, Ms. Nielsen and Ms. Banos in Room 2, Mrs. Griffith and Ms. Sutera in Room 3, Ms. Fitzpatrick in Room 4, Ms. Theriault is in Room 5 as well as being our Asst. Dir., Ms. Villanueva in Room 6, Mrs. Palley for our Afternoon Teacher, and Ms. Johnson and Ms. Ramirez as our Floaters. 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, 9/12 at 6:30pm.

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**



Sons of Norway will meet on Saturday, September 3 at noon. This is a onetime change from their regular schedule of meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Things will return to normal in October.

Thursday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 10th

Harriette Probst’s memorial service, 2:00pm, at Christ Lutheran, Long Beach. Dessert and Coffee following in th social hall.

Monday, September 12th beginning at 6pm, Preschool ‘Back to School’ Night on the preschool and church campus.

Sunday, September 18 all morning:

Rally Sunday, Installation and Blessing of preschool and Sunday school teachers, First day of Sunday school.

Sunday, September 25 God’s Work. Our Hands. Congregation meeting at 11am along with building Welcome Home baskets for LSS to present to people transitioning into their own apartments.

Tuesday, September 27th **Daytimer’s LunchBunch** will meet at 11:30am at Hof’s Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.

**Those at home or in care facilities:** Justin Bartlow, Laurie Ennen, Ione Marchael, Don Westerhoff, and Frances Willms.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** Don Darnauer**,**  Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Karen Koch, Sydney Nichols, Shirley Pierce, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl, Lori, Keegan, Brandon, Erin Belk, Leah Blakeman, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Steve, Charlie and David Corm, Mary and Max Croes, Pam Croes, Glenn Darnauer, Noah Dodd, Dorcas, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Michael Hardman, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Ray Irwin, Diana Johnson and family, Ben Kalish, JoDee Irwin, Doris Jung, Linda Kuhn, Cindy and Jeff Kolsen, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, the Lewis family, Lenny Lloyd, Diana Lobel, Terri Lujan, Janice Mackey, Heather Nielsen, Hudson Nunnally, Barb Ontiveros, Peacemaker, Paul Perencevic, Paula Pettit, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Mary Kathryn Rivera, J.R. Rose, Ferdinand Segarra, Jeff Spencer, Theresia Tuer, the Watt-Morse family, Ed Weston, Teresa, Jessica, Steve and Jenny West.

**Those who mourn:** We pray for the family and friends of our own Harriette Probst, who passed away on August 8, 2022. Harriette, her husband, Jim Weander and their children Jim, Jane, and Melody were the very first members of Christ Lutheran Church. Their legacies live on here and Harriette’s caring spirit has impacted so many of us.

Harriette’s memorial service will be here on Saturday, September 10 at 2pm. This service is followed by dessert and coffee in the social hall.

 **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.



**9/10 Kim and Frank Croes**

**9/19 Barbi and Don Darnauer**

**9/27 Laurel and Adam Elliott**

**9/28 Claire and Glenn Hoxie**

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 **9/2 Linda Clark**

 **9/6 Annie Johnson**

 **9/8 Sue Bredenkamp**

 **9/10 Nate Latiolait**

 **9/14 Hannah Rodrigues**

 **9/18 Don Darnauer**

 **9/18 Emily Randig**

 **9/21 Jonah Koch**

 **9/22 Arielle Joubert-Honacki**

 **9/23 Chantal Joubert-Honacki**

 **9/25 Kameko Flournoy**

 **9/26 Jax Johnson**

 **9/28 Linda Peralta**

 **9/29 Samantha McGee**

 **9/30 Matthew Timney**

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**This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.**

**Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.**

**The service project that has been selected by CLC’s Church in Society committee is to build “Welcome Home” baskets for those individuals leaving LSS for their own homes. These baskets will include some of the items needed when first moving into a new apartment. Throughout the month of September, we will be collecting the items listed below and on Sunday, the 25th we will fill laundry baskets with these necessities.**

**September 25, 2022**

**These supplies can be purchased from dollar stores, club stores or other discount**

**outlets. Please donate only the items on this list so that the baskets are uniform for all recipients.**

**Service for two:**

 **Melamine plates and bowls Spray Air Freshener**

 **Acrylic or plastic drinking cups Toilet Paper**

 **Flatware: forks, knives and spoons 409 Type Cleanser**

 **Coffee Cups Toilet Bowl Cleaner**

**Dish Soap Toilet Brush and Holder**

**Sponges Oven Mitts**

**Dish Towels Pump hand Soap**

**Paper Towels Glass Cleaner**

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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 a donation **for $64.83 from just 11 households March through May of this year.**

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We also receive contributions from **Amazon Smile** if you designate Christ Lutheran as the charity of choice for eligible purchases. We have received **$644.93 since we began participating in this program.** Thanks so much.

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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 $1460.00 so far this year. Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.**

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**Your church council wants to provide ways for members to reach out to each other and ask for recommendations for trusted service providers. This can be for handiworkers, electricians, housekeeping, etc. Please feel free to send in your requests to the church office by email or phone. We will print these in the weekly announcements with your contact information.**

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**Christ Lutheran’s Outreach, Connections, and Church in Society Committees** **want to begin hosting events for our church membership, our preschool families, and the community at large. We feel that our ministries and our people have so much to offer those around us and that we can have a really great time reaching out. There is a growing list of activities that we want to share with you to see if maybe, one or two of these piques your interest. You can add your ideas to this list as well. If it excites you, it will most likely excite others.**

**CLC hosted hot dog dinner for preschool families- Completed**

**CLC presence on CLP Back to School Night – September 12th**

**God’s Work, Our Hands - September 25th**

**Kaleidoscope for all kids; CLC, CLP, the community**

**Music Makers for CLP classes - Completed**

**Coffee and breakfast bars for preschool parents at drop-off in the morning**

**Snack for preschool parents at pick up in the afternoon**

**Church Picnic include Namaste` or CLP families**

**Outdoor movie night include Namaste` or CLP families**

**Game nights include Namaste` or CLP families**

**Christmas Craft and Gift market include Namaste` or CLP families**

**Book and Toy Exchange- members and CLC families**

These activities and events will need to be hosted by our church members initially. Please sign up to participate as these are scheduled.

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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.

**October Newsletter Deadline:**

**SEPTEMBER 15**