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Pastor Laurie is visiting family and taking some time to rest and rejuvenate. In the meantime, ministry is still happening! Watch for ways you can get involved or donate to Vacation Bible School.

A colorful flyer for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Christ Lutheran Church. The background is yellow with a sunburst pattern and green tropical leaves. In the center, a white circle contains the text "VBS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH" in red and yellow. To the right, a red speech bubble says "REGULAR REGISTRATION \$25 DISCOUNTED SIBLING RATE". Below the central circle are three circular photos of children. At the bottom, a blue wavy band contains the text "AGES PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE" and "story telling, music, science, crafts, snack, outdoor games". Below this, the dates "JULY 17-21" and time "9:00AM - NOON" are listed. At the very bottom, a yellow bar contains the address "2500 STEARNS ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90815", and below that, the contact information "OFFICEMANAGER@CHRISTLUTHERANLB.COM" and "(562) 598-2433".



Preschool News

We kicked off the first week of May with Teacher Appreciation Week. Parents brought in special treats/presents each day for the staff. It is an honor and privilege to care for their children and we are blessed to have such generous and supportive families at CLP!

On Friday, May 12th, we celebrated Mother's Day with our Moms & Muffins event. Moms and their children enjoyed breakfast and fun activities that included making a bath salt soak, a handprint poem, and pasta necklaces.

May 30 & 31, we were able to offer free vision screenings through the Elks club. This is a great resource that allows us to catch potential vision issues early on.

In June, we will wrap up our school year. We will celebrate Dads & Donuts on Friday, June 9th. We will have breakfast and activities for the Dads to do with their child at drop off.

Our school year will come to an end on Fri, June 16th. We will honor our friends that are going to Kindergarten with a special graduation ceremony just for them at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Then we will celebrate everyone at our End of Year Program in the Social Hall at 11:30am. We will have cake on the yard and school will close at 12:30pm.

We will be closed for Juneteenth on Mon 6/19 and closed for staff work days on Tues 6/20 & Wed 6/21 to prepare for our summer session which will start on Thurs 6/22.

Our theme for summer will be "Summer of Opposites". Our weekly themes will include: Sweet & Sour, Day & Night, Big & Small, High & Low, Stop & Go, Loud & Quiet, Hot & Cold, and Attract & Repel. We will also be participating in the Church Vacation Bible School the week of July 17th. Our special activities include a Beach Bonfire, 4th of July Bike Parade, Guide Dogs of America, Foam Party & Snow cones, Bike-a-thon, Mrs. Fitzpatrick doing Dynamics, Mad Science Fire & Ice show, Water days, and a Bouncer for the last day of summer on 8/18.

Blessings for a beautiful month!

Lisa Clinton

CLC Graduate Bios

Garrett McGee is graduating from Kennedy High School in La Palma. During his four years of high school, one of which was disrupted by the Covid pandemic, he played baseball for the Fighting Irish. Garrett will continue working his part time job this summer and then begin classes at Fullerton Junior College. An interesting side note, Garrett started his academic career here at Christ Lutheran Preschool, attending from 2007 through 2010.

Angel Trujillo has received his high school diploma from Learn4Life – Assurance Learning Academy in April of this year. Prior to this, Angel attended Millikan High School where he played football for the Rams. This summer Angel will keep busy working his part time job and in the fall, he will be attending Long Beach City College and plans to pursue a degree in Business.

Chloe Halvorson graduated Magnum Cum Laude from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Scott Moon graduated from Cal State Long Beach with his second master's degree in business and administration. His first master's was earned in Electrical Engineering in 2019 from USC. While pursuing both of these degrees, Scott worked full time and completed projects on two homes he purchased. Scott plans to continue working his current job as an electrical engineer with hopes to become a supervisor in the near future. In December of 2022 Scott was married and this summer he, his new wife, Mai and their Corgi, Stitch will relax and hang out.

Jeremy Rodrigues finished coursework for a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Southern California in May.. Throughout his graduate and undergraduate terms, he has been a member of the Trojan Marching Band fervently supporting USC football, basketball and other sports teams. This summer he will transition his internship to full time employment at Rubbercraft in Long Beach as a Design Engineer where he will be designing and manufacturing aircraft seals and elastomeric components for commercial and military use.

June Focus -New Life Beginnings With a full house of mothers and children and prices going up on everything, they are currently in need of some gift cards to Sam's Club, Costco, Target, Walmart or Smart & Final These will be used to purchase groceries and supplies for the families in the home. They are also open to receiving home grown produce such as oranges, apples, avocados, squash, etc.

These cards can be placed in the offering tray.

We will continue to collect cards into June.

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. 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 \$90.34 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 \$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, June 4th

Graduate Sunday we will be honoring our grads for the academic year ending 2023.

Thursday, June 8th

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

Saturday, June 10th

Sons of Norway will meet at noon. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture. The group will not meet in July and August as everyone takes a break for vacationing. See you again in September.

Sunday, June 25th

Red Cross Blood Drive
8am-230pm in the Social Hall

Go to redcrossblood.com to schedule an appointment to donate.



Tuesday, June 27th

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

Sunday, July 2nd

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.



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

***Family & Friends:** Michael, Noah, Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, John Dahlem, Glenn Darnauer, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Helen Hagen, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Jeff and Cindy, Ben Kalish, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Alan Osterhout, Paula Pettit, 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.



6/3	Maggie Fitzpatrick
6/4	Kristina Randig
6/4	Caleb Swagler
6/4	Frances Swagler
6/8	Kim Croes
6/10	Roger Halvorson
6/16	Kai Flournoy
6/17	Parker Treat
6/22	Faith Timney
6/25	Cathy Westwood
6/27	Rick McGee
6/29	Casey Smith
6/30	Laura Innes

All Blood Types *Needed*



Red Cross Blood Drive **Christ Lutheran Church**

The Social Hall
6500 Stearns Ave
Long Beach, CA 90815

Sunday, June 25, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



American
Red Cross

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6500 Stearns Street
Long Beach, CA 90815-3497

Return Service Requested



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.

July Newsletter Deadline: June 15

Life In Christ

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Channel



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