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Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

I am sure that all of you are very interested as to what is transpiring in the calling of a new pastor. Your Call Committee has been diligently working through the steps of the call process under the guidance and support of our Bishop, her staff, and our transition coach.

As you know, our first step was to complete our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a detailed document laying out who WE are as a church and an essential tool in the call process to match the candidate pastors' ministry skills to the needs of our congregation. Since, we received a slate of 5 candidates from the synod. Of those candidates, 2 withdrew before we had a chance to interview them (they accepted other calls) and 2 had gifts that did not align with the needs of CLC, and we released them.

We found the remaining candidate closely matched the needs of Christ Lutheran. After thoroughly studying this candidate, watching their streamed worship services, visiting their current congregation, conducting additional interviews and more, we identified them as our preferred candidate. We were hoping to be able to present them to Council in the next couple of weeks, but unfortunately, this candidate was also being seriously considered by another congregation. The preferred candidate agreed to move forward with the other congregation, and they chose to withdraw themselves from consideration with CLC. They were very complimentary of Christ Lutheran, but their decision to withdraw was primarily financial.

As with any position, compensation and growth are key considerations. CLC aligns pastoral compensation with current synod guidelines, and we also include an attractive benefits package. There are three things that are used to calculate a base salary – average weekly worship attendance, annual church receipts, and the number of years the candidate has been a pastor. **This calculation makes regular worship attendance and faithful giving important.**

Currently, we have asked for a new slate of candidates from the Bishop's office. We will diligently continue to navigate our next steps and will trust in God's provision and timing. We are doing our best to identify and recommend to you, through the council, a pastor well qualified to be the

spiritual leader of our congregation. If there is a pastor you know of who may be a fit for CLC, please notify one of us so the Bishop's office can follow appropriate procedures.

In the meantime, please continue to keep the Call Committee and the call process in prayer. We know God has plans for Christ Lutheran and will bring us a new pastor who will be a wonderful addition to our incredible family. We appreciate all of you and your continued support and love.

Your Call Committee,

Shannon Timney (chair)

Robin Black

Claudia Fitzpatrick

Greg Koch

Stephanie Murray

Matthew Timney

D'Jesus Trujillo



PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE



Preschool News

Our summer session began on Thursday, 6/22 and our theme is, "Summer of Opposites". We kicked off our summer with a Beach Bonfire on Wed 6/28 from 5-8pm at Bolsa Chica Beach. We had about 80 people attend.

Families were invited to bring a picnic dinner or hot dogs to roast, and CLP provided the fixings for s'mores. Our weekly themes for summer are: Sweet & Sour, Day & Night, Big & Small, High & Low, Stop & Go, Loud & Quiet, Hot & Cold, and Attract & Repel. Special Guests included: Guide Dogs of America, Foam Party & Snow cones, and a Bounce House. Our summer Guest Readers each week has been a great success! Church members volunteered to read to all of the children out on the playground each week in the morning. We had so much interest that we added some afternoon spots for parents to come read as well. The children have really enjoyed having the guest readers.

To celebrate the 4th of July, the children decorated their bikes at home and brought them to school to have a parade. Parents joined us for the fun and cheered on the children throughout the parade. We had rocket popsicles following the parade. We have also continued to have water days once a week. With the heat of the summer, this is always a favorite day for the children.

We participated in the Church Vacation Bible School the week of July 17th. The preschoolers really enjoyed going to the activity stations and the opening and closing sessions. Families were invited to the BBQ on Thursday to enjoy in a meal and fellowship as well as see the children perform the songs they'd learned throughout VBS.

We also had a Bike-a-thon on July 26th to raise money for classroom supplies and toys for the new school year. The children brought bikes from home and rode laps in the back parking lot. Parents volunteered to count laps. They enjoyed some orange slices and water after their ride.

We are full for fall with a waiting list. Our last day of summer will be on Friday, 8/18. We will be closed the following week for our staff work week to get everything cleaned and prepped for fall. Our Fall session will begin on Monday, 8/28/23.

Join Us! Women's Bible Study



A 10-SESSION BIBLE STUDY



Beginning with Genesis 12, walk alongside the fathers of our faith—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—to discern Jesus in the stories of His people.

Over 10 sessions, discover how God orchestrates everything for His glory and the good of His people, and see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



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Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

Sep 6 - Nov 8

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Church in Society August 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 \$169.45 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



Thursday, August 10th

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

Sons of Norway takes a break in July and August. When they meet again in September, everyone is welcome to come and learn about the Norwegian culture. See you again in the fall.

Saturday, August 19th is a work day for CLC and CLP.

Information and sign up sheets will be around soon.

Sunday, August 20th Morning of Special Recognition More details to be coming.



Daytimer's LunchBunch will meet Tuesday, August 29th at 11:30am at Hof's Hut on Bellflower Blvd in Los Altos.





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, Karen Koch, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Doris Weinert, Kurt Weisel, Rich Williams, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

***Family & Friends:** Chad, Barrett, Michael, Noah, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, Sue, John Caldwell, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, John Dahlem, Denise Davis, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Gina Barvy Fournier, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Ronda Lynn, Alan Osterhout, Paula Pettit, Paul Perencevic, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Sharry Reed, 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.



8/6	Aiden Jenkins
8/7	Nicholas Flournoy
8/9	Meghan Randig
8/9	Grant Swagler
8/9	Shannon Timney
8/15	Bryce Bonilla-Haenn
8/15	Elise Joubert-Honacki
8/16	Tracy Burkard
8/16	Ione Marchael
8/18	Gale Musselman
8/24	Brad Croes
8/24	Benjamin Koch
8/26	Gary Burkard
8/31	Brandon Nieves

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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.

September Newsletter Deadline: August 15

Life In Christ

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Worship 9:30am

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