



# Life in Christ, Vol. 70 Issue 3 March, 2026



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## Star Word Prompt for March

Remembering the Star word you picked up in worship in January. Take a moment to reflect on the following Question.



★ You’ve been sitting with your star word for a month. What struggles, challenges, and/or uncomfortable growing areas have you encountered through your star word?

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I decided to take on a BIG project. I don’t know exactly how it happened, but it did. You know how one task can lead to another and to another, and then you’re neck-deep in all the things with no end in sight? Well it’s not quite that dramatic this time, but it still feels big.

Do y’all have boxes of photos that you’re storing- the ones from the before times when things weren’t digital yet?

I’ve got lots.

Besides being an avid picture taker in my high school and college years, I also have stacks on stacks of pictures when I was a kid- from Up North with my dad, dressed in matching pjs with all the women on my mom’s side,



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decked out in Halloween costumes handcrafted by my Auntie Rae, pictures of my baby brother Joseph as a growing kid, and the list goes on. But they're not quite organized. Some have been in albums that no longer serve me.

Some have been in containers tucked away.

And still others have been comingled with the select chosen digital photos that actually made it to print and have been kept in various photo envelopes.

### **But it's time.**

It's time to get them organized in such a way that I can access them and that others can appreciate them should we pull them out when in good company.

It has certainly been a labor of love. We're already hours in and the work is not quite finished- our photo-covered coffee table currently tells the tale. But it's in process and that's what matters.

*It has been a bit of a journey...*

- one that has taken me down memory lane getting to share special moments, places and people that Scott hasn't seen before
- one that has helped me to recall precious stories about achievements made, relationships tended, adventures had, etc.
- one that has allowed me to take an inventory of sorts- of the things that have brought me to this place in my life

And it feels so appropriate to Lent- a time where we "return to God" and are reminded of what (or rather who) grounds us and gives us our identity. It's such an ordinary (albeit time-consuming) task, but how encouraging that God meets me even in the mess of organizing memories to remind me of what matters most. I wonder...How might God be speaking to you in the ordinary moments of your own life? Be sure to pay attention for such *God sightings*. It might just fuel you to finish that BIG project of yours.

Blessings on your Lenten journey-  
Pastor Nikki

## **Director of Senior Adult Ministry- Shannon Howard**

From Shannon...

*Prayer and presence is at the core of what I am called to do as your Director of Senior Adult Ministry— SAM.*

It has been so heartwarming, getting to know many of you better through our recent classes:

1. Exploring Senior Living Options
2. Advanced Directives, do you need one?

All very important subjects but I think we need to add something more fun— like maybe Mindfulness walks in the park? Or, Tai Chi classes that we could do together at the El Dorado Park Sr. Center (50+) Let me know what your thoughts are. Please feel free to chat with me on Sundays or call/text or email me.

*Here's how to contact me: Cell phone 714.904.0871*

*Email [Directorsam@christlutheranlb.com](mailto:Directorsam@christlutheranlb.com) Or talk to me on Sunday morning to set up a time to meet or visit.*



## Treasurer Position

**There has been a change at the treasurer position. The role has been vacated, but Matt Timney has volunteered to return for 2026. He will continue to oversee the integration of our new bookkeeper and define the new treasurer duties, as well as fulfilling the regular responsibilities of the treasurer. Council has approved Matt as interim treasurer for the time being. The congregation will be asked to vote on Matt as a permanent replacement at the May congregation meeting.**

## Announcements update

Do you have important information to share for our members and for the life of the church?

You can send information to Kim Croes to be included in the weekly e-blast and printed Announcements, as well as to be used as an insert. If you want an insert included in the weekly bulletin, please send the document in its completed form, i.e. font, color, illustrations, etc. Any pertinent info should be received by Wednesday evening for the following week's worship. If you'd like something included in the monthly newsletter, that info needs to be received by the 15th of the previous month.

You can also send information to Kim Philips for inclusion in the Sunday PowerPoint. This needs to be received no later than Friday.

Clipboards for sign-ups will be passed at the beginning of our service with verbal announcements made at the end.



# Preschool News

On February 5th, we had a wonderful Special Person Day where just about every child had a Special Person! The children were able to take their Special Person to Chapel and then enjoy refreshments in the courtyard. They then went around to do the different activities in all of the classrooms including a photo shop to take their picture and decorate a frame, a dance party, a temporary tattoo shop and bracelet making. For Valentine's Day, the classrooms each had their own parties to celebrate. Music Makers were invited to sing on Sunday, February 8th.

In the month of March we will have our auction entitled, "Come Sail Away" which will be on Friday, March 13th at 6pm at The Grand. Feel free to dress up and have a fun night out while supporting CLP! We will have silent auction items, various raffle games and wine pull. We will conclude the event with our 80/10x2 raffle, live auction, and fund an item. Tickets are \$65 each and include hearty appetizers, dessert and a drink ticket good for one glass of wine, beer or well drink or 2 soft drinks. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

# Lent, Holy <sup>+</sup>Week, & Easter

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, LONG BEACH

February 18 - Ash Wednesday	11AM & 7PM
Lent Sundays - Worship, Devotions & Soup Luncheon	9:30AM
March 29 - Palm Sunday	9:30AM
April 2 - Maundy Thursday Co-op Service at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Fountain Valley	Dinner at 6pm Worship at 7pm
April 3 - Good Friday	7PM
April 5 - Easter Sunday	9:30AM

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## We pray for:

### Members at Home or in Care Centers:

Laurie Ennen, Beverly Koenen, Ione Marchael, Gale Musselman, Sydney Nichols, Phil Peterson, Bary & Janice Schlieder, and Frances Willms.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** Wanda Cleland, Don Darnauer, Judy Haenn, Shannon Howard, Kristine Trost, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

**Family & Friends:** Irene Audett, Michael Birkley, Leah Bootman, Lois Brown, Tina Chang, Susan Clark, Clark Enebo, Tamra Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Allan Gatzke, Cindy Gray, Bill Holford, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Bryan Koenen, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Chris Lancy, the Llewellyn family, Luke McCann, Ericka Mancuso, Tim Myer, Deborah Ramos, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Sharry Reed, David Sarvela, Marlene Shafer, Leah Sourbeer, Laura Straus, Eileen Surette, Jason Thompson, Vicki Thompson, Kathy Van Buskirk, Melinda and Gerardo Vasquez, Jessica & Larisa West, Bethany Wildes, baby Riley, Dave, Carol and John.

### 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, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Austin Rowell, Jalan Sanchez, Steven, Brina, Michael Navarro, and Tristan Porter.

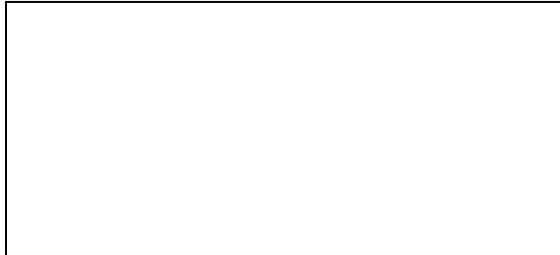
**We remember:** Our unhoused neighbors, who find themselves without shelter and a place to call home. We pray for their safety, health, and wellness. We commit to treating them with compassion and working to combat systemic issues that leave our neighbors in need.



**3/1 Shaun Murray**  
**3/2 Derek Johnson**  
**3/3 Doug Holdhusen**  
**3/5 Kim Miller**  
**3/12 Chris Cadwell**  
**3/14 Brian Trost**  
**3/16 Steve Howard**  
**3/20 Sue Ruth**  
**3/22 Ken Petrбок**  
**3/24 Kim Magee**  
**3/27 Stefan Joseph**  
**3/28 Garrett Mcgee**  
**3/30 Ingrid Fuelleman-Ramos**

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**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**

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