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Pastor's Message

Happy Anniversary!

We've been together for three years, you and I, pastor and congregation. Thank God for the work God is doing in our midst.

I just re-read my first newsletter article to you, written in August, 2014. Pull it out; I'm sure you tucked it into your Bible after you read it all those years ago. (Just teasing, dear one!) In that first article, **I talked about building community within the church.** I also talked about strengthening ties between the church and the preschool.

These are worthwhile endeavors, but what struck me is how different our goals are today. **Now we talk about strengthening our ties with the community away from the church.** What do the people of Camino Capistrano need? How might we serve San

Clemente? What is our role in all of South Orange County?

When I arrived, we needed to focus inward for a bit. We needed to regain our momentum, re-discover who we are as a congregation. We found our voice, we found our mission. It took a while. Indeed, it is still forming. I expect it will be shaping and reshaping forever. That's good news: **The Spirit moves!**

There was another part of that first newsletter article which I found telling. I said "Worship will transform our lives." I would change that today. I would now say, **"God will transform our lives."** That edit speaks volumes about our changed experience at Christ Lutheran. Yes, worship is important. Critical. Life-giving. But Sunday morning worship isn't why we are here. Wor-

ship isn't the goal of a church. **Deepening our relationship with God is the goal of a church.**

Once we realize being church is no longer our goal, we are open to be changed by God through church. Our focus isn't on maintaining the institution, it's about thriving as God's children and servants. **We no longer say, "Our church is so great!" Now we say "God is so great – look what God does through our church."**

You see how that shift affects everything. We are no longer self-focused, we are God focused. Success is measured differently. Mission is shaped differently.

God has always been present in our midst. I believe we have simply become more open to God's movement. One truth remains constant, in this article and the one

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We're Online!

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- Yelp: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/christ-lutheran-church-elca-san-clemente>
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written three years ago. I said "Expect the Holy Spirit to nudge us into new ministries and outreaches." Truer words have never been spoken. How grateful I am to be

responding to the Spirit in your midst.

With gratitude,

- *Pastor Brenda Bos*

Council Corner

Welcome to Council Corner
It's the month of July
We celebrated our independence
And saw fireworks in the sky

We met for our council meeting
In the fireside room
We had snacks, we had laughs
We all wore a costume

Just kidding, there were no costumes
We heard reports and approved books
We conducted all sorts of business
In all the crannies and all the nooks

We did have one major discussion
though
It lasted for the whole meeting
We talked about church goals
Things that are not so fleeting

We want, as a congregation
The financial freedom to do what we want
To live by God's word
And make a difference at the baptismal
font

Our goals may be big
Our goals may be small
With help from God and the congregation
Council can fulfill them all

Shay Arnett, President; Kirk Goodfellow, Vice President; Laura Pephens, Treasurer; Ken Gilliland; Lynn McKenrick; Kathy Hartl, Pastor Brenda Bos

WELCA—Women Rejoice



Women of the ELCA meets monthly for a wonderful time of conversation, refreshments and a Bible Study, provided by the national magazine "Gather".

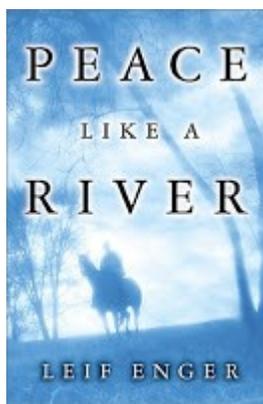
In August we will be continuing our study of the book of Galatians. This is one of Paul's earliest letters and gives us an insight into his early theological thinking.

We wish to invite all women of our church to this meeting in Donna Running's home.

"W" stands for WOMEN, meaning ALL WOMEN OF ALL AGES who worship at C.L.C.—either Beach or Sanctuary! You

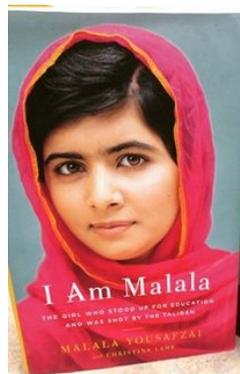
do not need to have had Bible study background -- just a willingness to prioritize 1½ hours each 2nd or 3rd Tuesday afternoon of the month for lively ladies' fellowship - sharing - caring, listening - learning, sipping - snacking and thoughtful praying. Call/contact Pastor Brenda, Christine in the office or Ruth Milversted for information and directions. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE on August 11th at 1 PM.

CLC Book Club Plans Ahead



CLC's Book Club will be reading "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger for our meeting on August 29. This is a beautiful, moving story of a young boy who, with his father and younger sister, go in search of their "outlaw" older brother. Set in the 1950s, it reads like a

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For our September 26 meeting, we'll be reading "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. Malala is the young Pakistani girl, now Nobel laureate, who was shot by the Taliban simply for going to school. She tells her own story of

fighting, along with her parents, for education for girls in her war-torn country and for her own survival. Given the situation in Pakistan now, with the Taliban making a resurgence, this is an especially timely read.

For both the August and September meetings, please join us for a potluck dinner (bring whatever inspires you!) in the Fireside Room at church at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Dates

Mission Hospital Spiritual Care Volunteer Training

Mission Hospital is offering a training program for Spiritual Care Volunteers for both the Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach Campuses to begin Wednesday, September 13, 2017. The training consists of 10 classes in which you will develop skills for visiting patients. Applicants must be adults of generosity and compassion, plus understand spirituality as a nec-



essary element of patient care. Spiritual Care Volunteers will be asked to devote a

minimum of 100 hours annually to patient visits. For more information and an application, see our website at <http://www.mission4health.com> and click on "Volunteer Opportunities". After you complete the application, please email it to the email address provided on the website under Spiritual Care. After your application is received, you will be notified to come in for an interview.

Vacation Bible School



Summer just isn't summer without a little Vacation Bible School for the children! This year we are exploring "the Wacky World of Water" with activities and lessons focusing on the role of water in our world and in the bible!

Camp begins August 7 and enrollment for the week is just \$70 for non-students. Participation in

Vacation Bible School includes a rash guard style commemorative VBS shirt, morning snacks and incredible adventures and stories.



Don't let your child, grandchild or niece/nephew miss out on some of the best memories and experiences childhood can offer.

Sign up your beloved little ones today by printing out the form located [here](#) and returning it to Pastor Brenda after church, or the church/preschool offices.

**Thank you members to all who have volunteered to help during the week of Vacation Bible School, we are thrilled you could join in the fun with us!

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Reformation 500 Bookstore

CLC is hosting a Reformation Bookstore this October.

Learn about Martin Luther, and other reformers,

their writings and the impact of the Reformation for the church today.

Resources available for readers of all ages; come

rediscover the wonder of the Reformation together as a family!

SCMFO Salute to Military Stars!



This fall, CLC is once again helping to raise money

supporting Camp Pendleton military families at the "Salute to Military Stars", hosted by San Clemente Military Family Outreach—one of our church's main outreach efforts. The fundraising event on Friday, October 20, 6-9 p.m., at Talega Golf Club in San Clemente, will include music by Cheryl Silverstein, comedy and entertainment by Tony O'Dell Rogers, a Silent Auction with amazing items including Anaheim Ducks memorabilia, Charger and UCLA tickets, resort stays, artwork, and baskets of all kinds of priceless items! Plus,

you'll have a chance to meet and thank many Marine, Navy, Army and Air Force families for their service to our country. While a good portion of the fund raiser's proceeds go to provide turkey dinners for 800-1000 military families, the rest goes to help with emergency needs throughout the year (car repairs, commissary cards, diapers, dental emergencies)—so many things enlisted families need before their funds run out at the end of the month.

Thank you to CLC mem-



bers who already have promised silent auction items—Bill Meairs, Bill Visalaukas, Louise Gilliam, Norman Franz,

along with many other friends of SCMFO! CLC members are always so giving to SCMFO and FAM, Laundry Love and every other community opportunity that comes our way. What a church! And we are joined by St. Andrew's by the Sea Methodist, St. Clement's Episcopal, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic, Palisades Methodist, Laguna Presbyterian, St. Margaret's Episcopal, Center for Spiritual Living, and many other faith communities in our military and other outreach efforts.

Tickets will be on sale in August and September, at \$60 each, through Judy Franz junofranz@aol.com at Beach Church or on-line at militaryfamilyoutreach.com. We hope to have at least two tables of CLC members (16-20 of us).

Bless you all for supporting our military families!

August 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6* Homeless Lunch 11:30 AM	7 Yoga 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM	8** Acupuncture 5:30-7:00 PM	9	10	11 Yoga 8:30 AM	12
13*	14 Yoga 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM	15** WELCA 1:00 PM	16 Laundry Love 2-5 PM	17	18 Yoga 8:30 AM Book Club 6:00 PM	19
20* Flying Solo 1:30	21 Yoga 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM	22** Acupuncture 5:30-7:00 PM	23	24	25 Yoga 8:30 AM	26
27*	28 Yoga 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM	29**	30	31		

* Worship Services at 8:00 AM at North beach; 10:30 AM Sanctuary

** Bible Study 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM