



Christ Lutheran Church

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



August 5

6:00 - 7:30

Book Club

August 9

1:00 WELCA

Bible Study

August 15

5:30pm

Council Meeting

Worship With Us

Every Sunday in

August

8:00am on the Beach

&

10:30 in the Sanctuary



Office Closed
Fridays

Prayer Banishes Worry and Fear

Worry and fear are the bane of human existence. They may be simply irritating, or they may have the capacity to cripple and incapacitate you. You may have noticed that they strike when you feel far from God. At those times, they seem to rise up. They crash over you when you are not paying attention to what is really important in life. And what is really important is your relationship with God.

The more you pray, the closer you draw to God and the better you know him. And the more you pray, the more his presence and power surround you, lifting you up and dissolving your worries and fears.

You can cope with whatever comes along because you know you are shored up and strengthened with what he has promised you. You have become recipients of his bountiful grace.

Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; preservemy life from fear of the enemy.

Psalm 64:1

Grace Sufficient for the Hour

Grace is God's unmerited favor, his undeserved mercy, his boundless compassion. This wondrous gift comes to you because God gives freely, and because you are fortunate enough to be his child, he loves you unconditionally.

Grace is your birthright as a child of God. You fully avail yourself of this bounty by placing your complete trust in him. You have access to his grace by having confidence in his promises. When you act on this confidence in God, you will find that nothing is too great a challenge, that no obstacle is too large to overcome.

Though you may approach a tough situation with trepidation knowing the limitations of your own meager abilities, you can ask for his help and be certain that he will give it. *God can do anything.*

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Psalm 112:4

BOOK CLUB

Christ Lutheran's Book Club meets on **August 5** for a potluck and discussion in the church kitchen from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Come enjoy the friendship, discussion and good food! If you have not read the book, come anyway! Here's the review to get you started:

Anne Tyler gives us a wise, haunting, and deeply moving new novel in which she explores how a middle-aged man, ripped apart by the death of his wife, is gradually restored by her frequent appearances—in their house, on the roadway, in the market. Crippled in his right arm and leg, Aaron spent his childhood fending off a sister who wants to manage him. So when he meets Dorothy, a plain, outspoken, self-dependent young woman, she is like a breath of fresh air. Unhesitatingly he marries her, and they have a relatively happy, unremarkable marriage. But when a tree crashes into their house and Dorothy is killed, Aaron feels as though he has been erased forever. Only Dorothy's unexpected appearances from the dead help him to live in the moment and to find some peace. A beautiful, subtle exploration of loss and recovery, pierced throughout with Anne Tyler's humor, wisdom, and always penetrating look at human foibles.

See you there!

THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our volunteers and staff who made VBS a huge success! Everyone tirelessly gave their time and talents with crafts, snacks, teaching, reading, singing... you name it, they did it! Thanks again for another great week of VBS! See page 3 for pictures and commentary!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

is going on hiatus until September when we will continue our study of the gospel. Plan on making Christian Education a priority in the fall. All are welcome!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 to 4:00 pm. Closed from Noon - 12:30 for lunch.

**WELCA WOMEN'S MONTHLY
BIBLE STUDY**

AUGUST 9, 1:00PM

We will walk first with the Israelites and then with the prophet Elijah, after each has made their great escape from danger and learn to trust in the divine promise to provide them with daily bread. Come enjoy good food, coffee and fellowship while we study these texts! All women are welcome, so bring a friend!

VBS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN!

80 children attended VBS during the week of July 16th, and it was as fun and exhausting as usual! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents with crafts, snacks, playtime storytelling and teaching the children about God's love!



In the classroom getting ready to start crafting!



Opening prayer and lesson with our Preschool Director!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

... Mary Ann Messick's brother, Larry;
 ... Kelly Barreira; Valen Ricciotti, friends of the preschool;
 ... Brenda Brashears' friend Max;
 ...continuing prayers for Matthew Wild, Dorothy Alvord and Lennie Kopperud;
 ... our Christ Lutheran Church Council;
 ...those serving in the military and their families;
 ...Bishop Mark Hansen and the ELCA, Bishop Murray Finck and the Pacifica Synod, our congregation at Christ Lutheran Church;
 ...the staff and families of La Cristianita Preschool.

"Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!**

Leigh Ann Downie	August 5
Ron Boden	August 11
Warren Vidrine	August 12

COUNCIL UPDATE

The council is pleased to report that we have an Interim Pastor. Bishop Murray Finck recommended Pastor Darryl Kozak to serve God and our congregation. We met with both the Bishop and Darryl and agreed to move forward. The council then prepared and offer which was accepted. Pastor Darryl will begin here with us at Christ Lutheran in August.

We are all pleased with how quickly this came together. Please stay tuned for more information and how YOU can become more involved with YOUR church and it's direction.

Thanks be to God!
 CLC Council

FAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The shelves at the FAM food pantry are pretty bare this summer! Please pick one up one of the blue FAM bags as you leave church and take it with you the next time you go to the grocery store. Fill it up with some of the items listed on the bag and return the bag to church or drop it off at FAM's new facility on Calle Negocio. Some of the items especially needed right now are peanut butter & jelly and personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and diapers. Also, please save your plastic bags from the grocery stores, Wal-Mart and Target as we use these to distribute the food, as well as egg cartons. We sometimes have to repackage the eggs we receive from the stores that are broken in the carton. Be creative – ask your bunco group to bring food items to your next game night....request guests donate food items instead of bringing gifts to the birthday party; the possibilities

COME KAYAKING WITH CLC!

It's been awhile, but starting July 9, Christ Lutheran Church and friends will be kayaking again in Dana Point Harbor every Monday night till Labor Day. No need to sign up; just show up by 5:30 p.m. at Dana Point Jet Ski on Puerto Place (south end of the harbor) to rent and launch your kayak. If you'd rather stand-up paddle, they rent the boards, too. \$15/hour for a one person kayak; \$20 for a tandem; \$15 for the boards. Tim, the owner, is welcoming us back with open arms! Here's a link to his website, with a map:

<http://www.danapointjetski.com/about.php>

After kayaking, we usually go to the Jolly Roger for their great happy hour fish tacos. Yum. Pass the word, bring friends, join the CLC flotilla!

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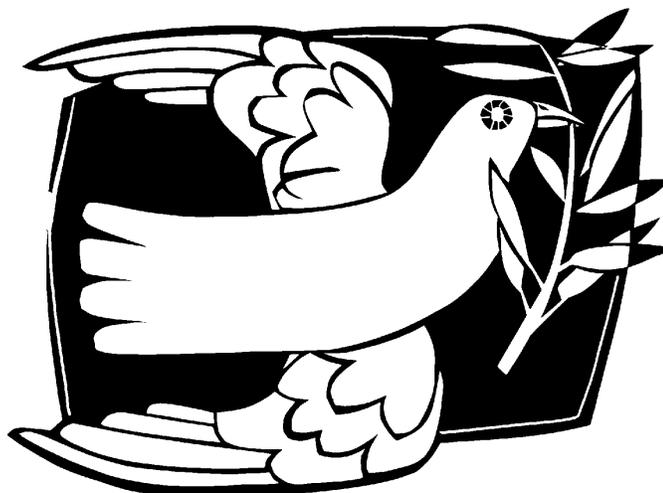
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