



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.



December Calendar

Every Tuesday

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

December 12

WELCA Women's
Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

December 16

Book Club
Fireside Room 6 p.m.

December 18

CLC Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

December 18 & 19

La Cristianita Christmas
Program 6:30 p.m.

December 24th

Candlelight Service
Sanctuary 7 p.m.

Church Office Closed

December 24 Noon
December 25

Sunday Worship

Beach Worship
8:00AM

Sanctuary Service
10:30 AM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Travelers on the Way to be Enrolled,

We are in a fun time of the year. Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. It is one of the best food festival times for many tastes.

December 1 begins the season of Advent in preparation for the Christmas time of celebration. The word "advent" means "coming" or "arrival". The **Advent season** is focused on the "coming" of Jesus as Messiah (Christ or King).

Since Advent looks forward to Christ's birth and incarnation, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. During this time Christian Homes and Churches will use the Advent candles in a wreath.

The traditional liturgical color is violet. The newer color is blue. The third week candle called Gaudet Sunday is generally pink. The wreath may have a fifth white candle in the center for Christmas Eve or Day.

The first clear celebration of Advent occurs in the 5th Century, although there were preparations for the Christmas Day or Eve celebration earlier.

In our days especially families with children living at home is the advent calendar where children can open a day at a time as they await Christmas. The wreath generally has a candle that is lit at the beginning of each week as they await the Christmas time celebrations.

I don't know about you as enrolled or

becoming members of Christ Lutheran Church be it at the Beach or the Sanctuary, but Advent will remain as a preparation time to celebrate the birth of the babe born in Bethlehem.

You are invited to make Sunday morning a priority in your life.

You are invited to join us at the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for a candlelight service including Holy Communion.

All are invited. You, your friends, your spouse, your offspring and your house guests. And God's people say: **AMEN.**

Advent worship

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Beach Church 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

**December 24th, 7 p.m. in the
SANCTUARY**

God's blessing on you and your loved ones during this busy time of year.

May You gather, Share stories, Enjoy good food, Shed tears, Love, Hug, and Forgive as needed.

Harvey Anderson, Pastor

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH GETS A NEW PERGOLA

We all experience “God Moments” and his gifts daily; our church recently received two such gifts which we want to recognize. The following pictures are from the dedication ceremonies held at our church campus on November 17, 2013 to recognize and bless these gifts. Thanks to these two families for sharing God’s gifts with us and THANKS BE TO GOD!



The Beach Truck got a much needed makeover thanks to a generous gift from Bill and Denise Lindquist! The colorful new graphics are sure to get some attention when it is servicing our needs at Beach Church. A big thank you to Bill and Denise!

We also had a new pergola built in front of the sanctuary in memory of Vern Ehlers, made possible by a special gift from his daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Jim Carr. You might ask, “What is a pergola?” You have to look up as you approach the church entrance to see the adobe colored wood beams on top of the brick pillars, which replace the old pergola. All of us appreciate the generosity of Beth and Jim and our own members who donated the funds given in memory of Vern, a long-time and faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church.



A big thank you to our Christmas elves that helped decorate the Sanctuary over the weekend! You know who you are!

**If you would like to volunteer to help with services, please contact the following:*

Betty Buck for Sanctuary Service - edbmeb@cox.net or Susanne Harlow for Beach Service - kulmom17@hotmail.com

CHRIST LUTHERAN OUTREACH - SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

There are so many ways to give to the community during the Christmas holiday season! Please see some of the ways you can get involved below. If you have any questions, you can contact Judy Franz at 949-493-3826 or e-mail her at junofranz@aol.com.

- * **Family Assistance Ministries' Christmas Toy Drive** - Get in the Christmas spirit by donating new toys, gift cards, and/or shoes for needy children in South Orange County. Help make 2013 a special year for these kids! Donations needed by December 10th. Bring them to Beach Church December 8th, drop them in the church office, or take them directly to FAM, located at 1030 Calle Negocio.
- * **San Clemente Military Family Outreach "Thank a Family" Program.** Would you like to thank a military family in North Camp Pendleton for all they give for our country and help them have a great Christmas? SCMFO's program matches military families in need with donors who help with Christmas trees, gifts, food and clothing. Please contact SCMFO directly if you can help at 949-388-2812 or contact Judy.
- * **SCMFO Gift-Wrapping Party.** Volunteer wrappers are needed on base at the San Onofre I Clubhouse from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-2 p.m. on Monday, December 9th. This outreach is a great way to show military families that they are not alone for the holidays, even if they are far from home. All wrapping materials will be provided. You bring scissors, a plate of cookies, one decorative item (that you will take home when you leave), and some Christmas cheer! Contact Judy for more information.
- * **Support FAM by buying \$5 bus passes for FAM clients** at Antoine's Cafe (218 S. El Camino Real, SC) throughout December and get a free cup of coffee as a thank you!
- * **Thank you and blessings** to everyone who contributed grocery gift cards to SCMFO for Thanksgiving. Our little church gave \$250

Remember your loved ones this Christmas with a poinsettia for our sanctuary!

It's time to make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas! For \$7.00, you can order a poinsettia in honor of a loved one who will be mentioned in our Christmas Eve bulletin. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and write "Poinsettia" in the memo. You can return orders in the offering plate or in the church office. Paid orders must be in by December 15th at the latest. Thank you!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

- ...Christ Lutheran Church and our congregation;
- ...Those serving in the military and their families;
- ...Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and the ELCA, Bishop Murray Finck and the Pacifica Synod;
- ...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."*

WE'RE ONLINE AND ON FACEBOOK

Lost your calendar? Forgot where to park for beach church? Need to contact us? Well now you can stay connected with CLC 24 / 7 through our website and Facebook pages.

Website: www.clcsanclemente.org
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-Lutheran-Church-San-Clemente-CA/241242593620>

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY 10 A.M.

Join us in the Fireside Room for our Bible Study with Pastor Harvey. See you there!

2013 CONTRIBUTIONS DUE

Any contributions you wish credited to 2013 must be in the office by noon or postmarked Dec. 31st.

Christ Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

January 26th, 2014

Join us for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

WELCA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's Bible Study will be focusing on "Miriam: A Loving Protector" this month. Please join us at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room on Thursday, December 12th.

HELP US KEEP THE EARTH CLEAN

Here at CLC we have labeled our trash cans "recycle" and "trash" so we can make a conscious effort to help keep this earth beautiful for the generations to come. Please help us in our endeavor and throw all paper, can and plastic products in the recycle trash cans. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & LA CRISTIANITA PRESCHOOL

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