

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.



July 12

1:00 WELCA
Bible Study

July 18

5:30pm
Council Meeting

July 16 - 20

9:00 - Noon
Vacation Bible Study
at the Preschool

Worship With Us
Every Sunday in

July

8:00am on the Beach

&

10:30 in the Sanctuary



Office Closed
July 5th

FUTURE GLORY – Romans 8: 24-27 -- 31

“Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

“We want to believe the world is understandable.

That life is fair . . . that things make sense.

*We want to believe that if we’re careful enough, try hard enough,
Work hard enough, we and those we love will be safe from anything bad.*

It’s one of the biggest questions humans wrestle with -

Why things sometimes aren’t fair.

*But even though we don’t always have a neat answer
to why things happen,*

We do have each other . . . and we have our faith.

Just a simple kind of faith that somehow, someday,

Suffering will end, good will be rewarded,

Love will endure, pain will be forgotten,

Light will scatter darkness and our spirits will go on.”

What then, shall we say in response to this?

31 If God is for us, who can be against us?”

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vacation Bible School is July 16-20 from 9:00am to Noon each day. Once again we are expecting around 100 kids to participate and so once again we need your help! Teachers, aides, snack preparers, game leaders, craft leaders and more are needed - we have the perfect job to fit your skills and time. Please fill out the enclosed flyer and place it in the offering. Questions? Give Leigh Ann Downie, our Preschool director, a call!

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has chosen Ann Tyler's new book "The Beginner's Goodbye" for its next read. The book's description on Amazon: 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. We'll meet on **August 5** for a potluck and discussion in the church kitchen from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Start reading!

THANK YOU

Thank you for the yummy reception, the generous gift, beautiful stoles, warm hugs and most of all, for your love and support and passion for the ministry of this church. Katie and I have been richly blessed and honored to have served here in San Clemente with you and will carry you in our hearts. God is good!

Pastor Kim and Katie

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 BIBLE STUDY JULY 12, 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 diving promise to provide them with daily bread. All are welcome!

**ODE TO RUSSELL CRABTREE ON YOUR 2012
BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR "FAMILY" OF FRIENDS
AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

Over two years ago, our worshipful tunes—
Sounded ever-so-dull & off-key,

Then one Sunday morning as we entered the church,
That big baby grand resonated with glee.

We were mesmerized by dexterity -- such "improve" expertise,
Introduced was a *Maestro* known as -- Russell Crabtree.

His melodic crescendos, with each accompanying score,
Our talents did stretch -- and our voices then soared.

Your nurturing patience with the students you've shared,
Was appreciated and witnessed by us members, who cared.

Last Saturday June second -- a career apogee'--
When conducting young voices for your Masters Degree.

In white tie and tails, you brought their best to the fore --
With indomitable fortitude and gusto galore.

And so, Maestro Russell, birthday KUDOS to you,
Be it thirty-nine & "holding" or the "NEW forty-two".

We know that YOU KNOW -- gratitude has no bounds,
Keep those 88's tinkling for our joy all around!

- Written by Ruth Milversted, June 17, 2012



**The next time you feel like GOD can't
use you, just remember...**

- Noah was a drunk
- Abraham was too old
- Isaac was a daydreamer
- Jacob was a liar
- Leah was ugly
- Joseph was abused
- Moses had a stuttering problem
- Gideon was afraid
- Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
- Rahab was a prostitute
- Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
- David had an affair and was a murderer
- Elijah was suicidal
- Isaiah preached naked
- Jonah ran from God
- Naomi was a widow
- Job went bankrupt
- Peter denied Christ
- The Disciples fell asleep while praying
- Martha worried about everything
- Mary Magdalene was...
- The Samaritan woman was a divorcee
- Zaccheus was too small
- Paul was too religious
- Timothy had an ulcer
- AND Lazarus was dead!

No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential. Besides, you aren't the message, you are just the messenger! And one more thing... Share this with a friend or two... In the circle of God's love, God's waiting to use your full potential. Have a great day!!! The SON is shining and he can certainly use you.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

... Julie Tobin and Linda Kopperud as they recover from knee surgery;

... 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;

...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."

**JULY BIRTHDAYS!**

Angelo Carney-Gomez	July 3
Nicole Bruette-Riordan	July 12
Ruth Milversted	July 19
Maria Navarro - preschool	July 20
Mackenzie Lopez	July 31

FROM THE COUNCIL

FYI - As we move forward to our next chapter at Christ Lutheran Church, we have conducted congregational meetings to obtain input from our members. In addition, the council recently met with Bishop Finck and an interim pastoral candidate. Watch for additional information in these monthly newsletters, temple talks at church services, and phone calls from council members to inform you of new developments.

Your continued prayers and financial support are important as we move forward in this process. Please feel free to contact any council member if you have questions or comments.

Keith Baumgarn, for the Council

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In this newsletter you will find a flyer and a registration form for Vacation Bible School. Please pass those along to friends, family, neighbors and co-workers so their children can have a fun-filled week of learning and experiencing God's love.

FYI: EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CLC STAFF

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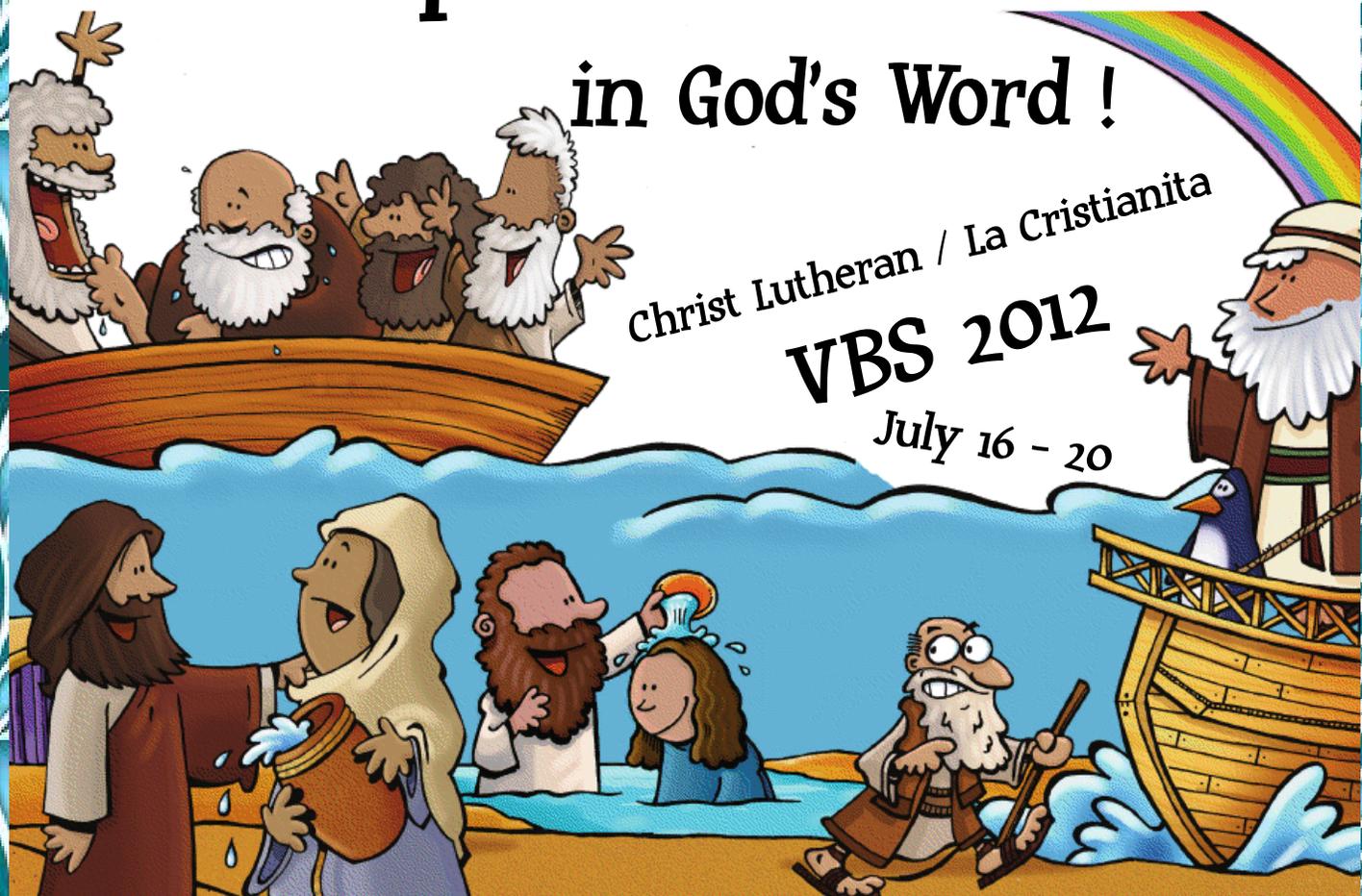
Splash...

in God's Word !

Christ Lutheran / La Cristianita

VBS 2012

July 16 - 20



Jonah and the Big Fish (Jonah 1-4) - "Tell"

Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-9) - "Promise"

Walking on Water (Matthew 14: 22-33) - "Trust"

Woman at the Well (John 4: 5-42) - "Ask"

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Christ Lutheran Church & La Cristianita's
VBS 2012

July 16 - 20, 9:00am to Noon

Registration Form



Child #1 Name: _____

Age & Birthdate _____

Child #2 Name: _____

Age & Birthdate _____

Address: _____

Mother's Name & Phone: _____

Father's Name & Phone: _____

Known Allergies: _____

Physician Name & Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name, Phone#, Relationship to child:

1. _____

2. _____

Please Registration Fee that Applies to your Child:

\$60, m-F VBS only / \$50, if enrolled in T/Th preschool / \$40, if enrolled in M/W/F preschool

Make checks payable to La Cristianita Preschool, with a note "VBS".

Consent for Medical Treatment: As the parent, agency representative or legal guardian, I hereby give consent to La Cristianita Preschool to provide all emergency dental or medical care prescribed by a duly licensed physician (M.D.), osteopath (D.O.) or dentist (D.D.S.) for _____.

This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb or well being of my dependent.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent / Agency representative, Guardian signature)