



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.



June 3

**Out To Lunch
Bunch**

Brunch at Crispins
following 10:30
worship service

June 12

6:30pm

Council &
Congregation
Meeting with Bishop
Murray Finck

June 14

1:00 WELCA

Bible Study

Worship With Us
Every Sunday in

June

8:00am on the Beach
&
10:30 in the Sanctuary



Pastor's Notes...

"Every time I think of you I thank God for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am certain that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6 (paraphrase)

"Every time I think of you..."

+When I remember how you are now all passionate Bruce Springsteen fans (well, maybe not "all" and maybe not "passionate" – maybe just "tolerant");

+When I remember walking through the Preschool playground and the kids that came running up to me to give me a hug;

+When I remember Russell and Kenneth and Tom and their musical leadership, enabling this congregation to with one voice proclaim the Gospel in a way that words alone can never do;

"...for your partnership in the Gospel..."

+How this congregation after learning the hard truth of our finances stepped up to the plate and responded with generosity and faith;

+How this congregation enthusiastically shared hope in the form of malaria nets to sisters and brothers an ocean away and compassion in the form of cans of

food to those in need living in our neighborhoods;

+How this congregation has commended to God's care and keeping those whom we loved and still love with deep sorrow and an even deeper faith and trust in God's promises;

+How together we have struggled to live out the vision and mission God has given us to be God's people in the time and this place.

"...I thank God."

+For amazing and abounding and persistent grace;

+For shared tears and laughter, both signs of God's gracious love;

+For the love you have showered upon Katie and me from the first day we arrived in San Clemente until now.

God is here and at times through us and at other times in spite of us God has been using us to proclaim in word and deed God's gracious, life-giving good work in Jesus Christ. And I am confident that God will continue to do so in and through the saints of Christ Lutheran until the day of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Shalom,
Pastor Kim

WORSHIP IN JUNE

(reprinted from a previous newsletter)

Why do you go to church? There are as many answers to this question as there are persons in the pew. “I go because I like being on the beach.” “I go because I like being in the sanctuary.” “I go because I like the hymns.” “I go because I like the pastor.” “I go because my friends are there.”

Why do you go to church? We go to church not because of the location or the hymns or the pastor or because our friends are here. We go to church because Jesus is here. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The One who made us and died for us and now claims us and calls us into the Kingdom has promised to be present whenever and wherever we gather in Christ’s name. And so we gather to rest in God’s presence, to soak in it so that all that seeks to destroy us and God’s hold on us will not prevail. We gather to hear again the promises, to swim in the waters of our rebirth, to eat and drink forgiveness and life, and to thank God for God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Why do you go to church? The location, hymns, pastors, friends and more – all this is extra. We go to church because Jesus is here and when we see the real reason we go, nothing will be able to keep us away.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in June on the 5th, 12th and 19th to listen to God’s word for the day, share signs of God’s gracious love and prayer concerns and enjoy each other’s company. All are welcome!

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

We had a great time last month and so we are doing it again. The first Sunday of the month is June 3 and so we will meet at Crispins on Camino de los Mares around 11:45 for lunch, fellowship and an opportunity to get to know each other a bit better. All are welcome!

**CLAIMING GOD’S ABUNDANCE:
STEWARDSHIP IN A NEW DAY**

The 2012 Bishop Gatherings will be different from previous ones as the focus will be on equipping congregations in their stewardship ministry. The Orange County Gathering will be Saturday, June 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 at King of Glory in Fountain Valley. We need a team of people to attend as tools will be given to begin developing a contextualized stewardship plan for our congregation so as to:

- Read our congregational context
- Evaluate past stewardship practices
- Begin to build a stewardship framework for the future

We have two Council members who will be attending but need a few more. For details see Pastor Kim or Brenda Brashears.

SIGNS OF GOD'S GRACIOUS LOVE

Thanks to those who shared God's abundance with those in need. Tom and Mary Whitman gave 10 more malaria nets in "thanksgiving for everything I have received from the Lord" which brings our total to 184! That's 184 families that will not be afraid to go to sleep at night because they are protected from mosquito bites and the disease they carry. And thanks to those who contributed to our Lenten offering which enabled us to send \$863 to Family Assistance Ministry (FAM) to help families in our community!

BOOK CLUB

We have chosen as our next book *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. From Amazon's website: "In a narrative replete with poison arrows, devouring snakes, scientific miracles, and spiritual transformations, *State of Wonder* presents a world of stunning surprise and danger, rich in emotional resonance and moral complexity. We'll meet for a potluck and discussion in the church kitchen on Sunday, June 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Thank you Pastor Kim for sharing your gifts, life and love with our church for the past three years. Thank you for teaching, challenging and leading us as we share God's blessings of grace in our lives. Thank you for showing us throughout scripture that "God does not break God's promises".

May God richly bless you and Katie as you begin a new chapter in life at First Evangelical Church in Redlands, CA.

"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all of the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" 1 Cor. 12:12-13

We are ALL the body of Christ, and each one of us has a part in it. Yes... we each have a part to DO. Please be a part of the next chapter @ CLC by attending the meeting with the Bishop on June 12th

PASTOR KIM AND KATIE'S LAST SUNDAY

Pastor Kim and Katie's last Sunday at Christ Lutheran will be June 24. We will have one service that day in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. A reception will follow.

MEETING WITH BISHOP MURRAY FINCK

Bishop Murray Finck will be here on June 12 at 6:30 pm to meet with the Council and congregation to talk about the next step for Christ Lutheran. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

RUSSELL CRABTREE'S MASTERS RECITAL

Our pianist, Russell Crabtree, is finishing his Master's degree in choral conducting with a recital on Saturday, June 2, at 4:00pm at Faith Lutheran, 8200 Ellis Ave., Huntington Beach. Congratulations Russell – we are so proud of your accomplishment!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

... the family and friends of Lorinda Olson as they mourn her passing;

... 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, Pastor Kim and our congregation;

...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."*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Brenda Brashears	June 1
Nancy Pohlot	June 13
Tom Whitman	June 15
Tom Miller	June 18
Lynn Bruette-Riordan	June 18
Susanne Harlow	June 23
Wendy Ruffner	June 24
Pat Gilliam	June 26
Mary Ann Messick	June 27

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.

This year we especially need members of this congregation to help out. We have a variety of jobs that will fit a variety of skills, interests and time available – teachers, aides, snack helpers, craft leaders, game leaders and more. We will begin taking signups this month. Questions? Give our preschool director, Leigh Ann Downie, a call! 496-1405

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OFFICE HOURS

During the months of July and August the church office will be closed on Fridays. Preschool will be in session but Wendy will be off.

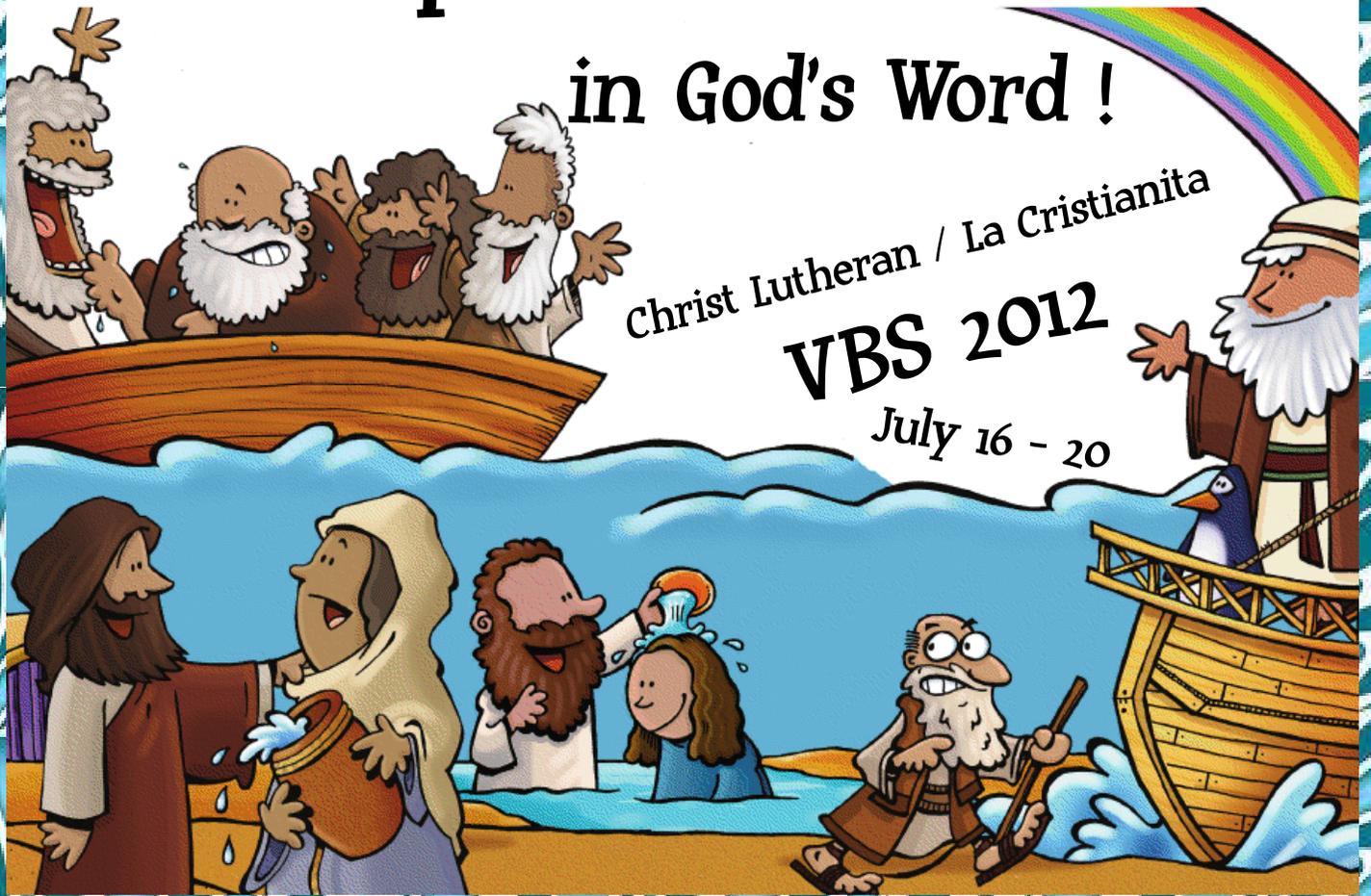
Splash...

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)