



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.



February Calendar

Every Tuesday

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

March 5

Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes
Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.

March 13

WELCA Bible Study
"Daughter, an Honest
Virgin"
1p.m. in the Fireside
Room

March 19

Council Meeting
Fireside Room 5:30 p.m.

March 25

Annunciation of Our
Lord

Sunday Worship

Beach Worship
8:00AM

Sanctuary Service
10:30 AM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. It commemorates Christ's temptation and fasting in the wilderness. The season of Lent consists of forty weekdays plus six "Lord's Days" (Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter. The liturgical color for this season is **PURPLE/ VIOLET** indicating penitence and also Kingship.

Lent means "spring" and its use in the Church goes back to the fourth Century. There is a beautiful symbolism in this, because Lent leads to Easter, which is the Spring of the Soul.

Since the forty days match the forty days of prayer and fasting of our Lord in connection with His temptation, many churches observe the custom of fasting during Lent or at least "giving up something" for instance refraining from certain foods and/or pleasures (I also like the idea of adding something like daily devotions, read a daily chapter from the Bible, writing a letter a week that one has been putting off,

making a long overdue phone call, making a meal, etc.).

Most of us will have to confess that we give up very little for Him at any time, and perhaps many of those who do, do so as a perfunctory thing, or even with the mistaken idea as to the value and religious significance of what they do. Lent is really a time to begin giving of self the whole year round.

-Pastor Harvey Anderson

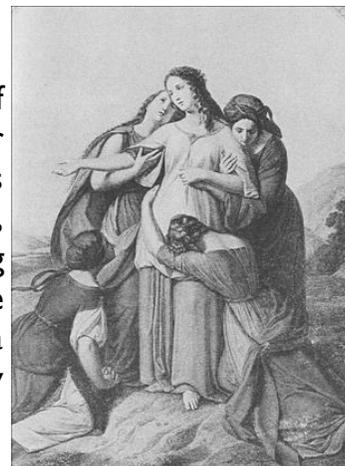
LIFE'S PURPOSE

"We live on earth for no other purpose than to be helpful to others. Otherwise it would be best for God to take away our breath and let us die as soon as we are baptized and have begun to believe. But he lets us live here in order that we may lead other people to believe doing for them what he has done for us."

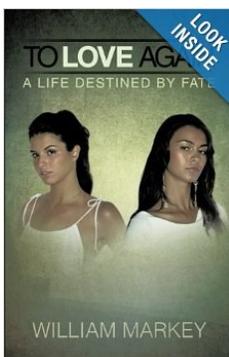
-Martin Luther

What in the world of WELCA?

Christ Lutheran's WELCA Bible study meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:00p.m. in the Fireside room. Join us for another session of "In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women." This month, you'll be introduced to the OT woman, Daughter of Jephthah, an honest virgin. It's a story of saying good-bye and the ending remains a mystery. The accompanying Gospel story is about the woman anointing the feet of Jesus. Both stories deal with a vulnerability that puts their life in jeopardy. And the discussion may help us reflect on how we'd like to be remembered.



Women are invited to participate in our relaxing, warm, monthly church fellowship. A copy of GATHER is in the Narthex for you to borrow, read and return. We hope to see you there!



CLC Book Club Meeting Monday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Book Club is tentatively set for Monday, April 7, 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room at church and we're reading To Love Again: A Life Destined by Fate by William Markey, who is a friend of the Vidrines! It's a first novel, set during the Vietnam War, available on Kindle, Nook or in hardback. We are hoping the author will join us for our discussion. Watch the bulletins on Sunday for updates in case we need to change the date.

Time to Reflect - Linda Post Bushkofsky (excerpt from Gather magazine)

There's something so compelling about the Ash Wednesday liturgy. It begins with the extended confession of sins where we acknowledge our unfaithfulness, pride, hypocrisy, self-indulgence, indifference, and prejudice, to name a few of the ways that we have broken our relationships with God and others. Most of us have learned ways to conceal a lot of these things, hiding them from others and, probably, more importantly, from ourselves. We're good people, we tell ourselves; it's not like we've committed any of those big sins, like murder or adultery. But Ash Wednesday, and all of Lent, calls us to take an honest look at ourselves, to bare our souls before our loving and forgiving God. It is in acknowledging our brokenness and failings that we find restoration and wholeness.

Martin Luther said that the life of a disciple is one of repentance. The 40 days of Lent can be a period of extended self-examination that leads to repentance, a period that allows us to realign our relationship with God and others. We give up the excuses that keep us from praying or visiting the sick or feeding the hungry. We pause and wait to hear God speaking to us. We set aside our busyness that keeps us from encountering God in our daily lives. Adopting the Lenten disciplines of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, we encounter opportunities to renew our relationship with God and others. We become more intentional, preparing for the mystery of the Resurrection that will soon be celebrated.

CHRIST LUTHERAN OUTREACH - SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

MILITARY MOMS SHOWERED WITH LOVE AND GIFTS

Far from home, due dates approaching, 18 military moms to-be were guests of honor at a baby shower sponsored by San Clemente Military Family Outreach Feb. 22 at Camp Pendleton.

The women and their guests were treated to lunch and dessert, played the usual funny baby shower games, and went home with arms loaded with gifts -- just like the baby shower their friends and relatives might have hosted for them back home. Each mom received a layette wrapped in a baby blanket, a large gift (e.g., car seat, high chair, stroller) selected in a number drawing, and a \$25 commissary card.

"I think this is wonderful," said one mom-to-be. "I'm so grateful to your group for doing this for us." Gifts came from donations from churches, including Christ Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran, Palisades Methodist, Saddleback San Clemente and St. Andrew's by the Sea, and from individuals in our community.

Thank you to Ruth and Harvey Anderson, Betty Buck, Laura Pephens (who also helped at the shower), Mary Monasmith, Kathie Smith and Wendy Thurn for donating baby outfits, blankets, gift cards and other items.

SCMFO holds morale boosting events like the baby shower several times a year. The events are opportunities for military families to get to know each other (Camp Pendleton is a BIG place), to learn how much individuals and the faith community in San Clemente care about them and appreciate the sacrifices they are making, and to find out about the resources available to them in times of need through SCMFO.

-Judy Franz is our Outreach Coordinator and member of the Church Council. You can contact

her at 949-493-3826 or junofranz@aol.com

Photos: Layettes ready for selection; an appreciative moms-to-be; Laura Pephens (l.) chatting with guests; Judy Franz and SCMFO stalwart Marian Fournier, with a guest and her baby; playing games!



FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Thank you for giving us your spiritual support by voting for us and participating in our installation ceremonies at both services on February 23rd. We pray for your continued support and God's guidance as we perform our duties in the coming year. Council meets the third Wednesday night each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at church. Guests are welcome, as well as prayers for the decisions that Jesus would make. We encourage you to contact us with ideas, concerns, needs and prayers.

The new council as follows:

- Judy Franz, President junofranz@zol.com 949-493-3926
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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, our congregation and

Pastor;

...The staff and families of La Cristianita Preschool;

...Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and the ELCA, Bishop

Murray Finck and the Pacifica Synod;

...Those serving in the military and their families.

“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.clcsancllemente.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!



TIME TO SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings time begins this Sunday, March 9th! Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour on Saturday!

WELCA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our WELCA Women's Bible Study will be meeting at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room on Thursday, March 13th.

SAVE THE DATE!

Good Friday Service

April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services

April 20th

North Beach 6a.m. and 8 a.m.

Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.



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