



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.



May 6

**Out To Lunch
Bunch**

Brunch at Crispins
following 10:30
worship service

May 10

1:00 WELCA
Bible Study

May 23

5:30pm
Council Meeting

Worship With Us
Every Sunday in

May

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



Pastor's Notes...

No one puts up a Pentecost tree. Hallmark card shops do not overflow with Pentecost cards. No one I know hides Pentecost eggs. For much of the world that in some way observes Christmas and Easter, Pentecost is just another day.

But for the church, it is our birthday and the culmination of Christmas and Easter. Pentecost is a day of great joy and celebration as we thank and praise God for God's continuing presence and abiding love. Without Pentecost the Child who is Emmanuel, God with us, would be but a fond memory. Without Pentecost the Crucified and Risen Christ would be but a story of hope from a distant past. But as the wind and tongues of fire filled the room where the disciples had gathered and those from every nation heard the Gospel proclaimed in their own language, the promise of Pentecost became apparent:

the Risen one is Emmanuel, is God with us, continuing his redemptive and healing work here and now in our midst.

The winds of Pentecost continue to blow and the tongues of fire continue to burn as God's people continue to in word and deed proclaim the Good News. It blows as we gather for worship and to study God's word and it blazes as we move out in service and witness.

This Pentecost as our congregation eagerly anticipates the future God is calling us into, let us unfurl our sails and get caught and carried along by the Spirit. The Spirit is alive and moving here at Christ Lutheran! Thanks be to God!

Shalom,
Pastor Kim

WORSHIP IN MAY

The Easter season comes to an end as we hear Jesus' promise of the Advocate, literally "the one who stands beside," and as he prays that those who believe in him might witness to the world with our unity. "That we might be one" continues to be the prayer of the church as we seek ways to work with our sisters and brothers in the faith.

The Day of Pentecost, May 27 this year, is the third major festival of the church year and is named after a Jewish festival, the Festival of Weeks, which fell on the fiftieth day after Passover (hence the name which means "fiftieth") and is a celebration of the giving of the law to Moses and the offering of first fruits to God. For Christians it comes fifty days after the Resurrection and is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the church (see Acts 2). It is the Spirit that instructs and reminds us of Jesus' teaching and whose presence gives life to the church and to our faith.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

A dynamic, inspiring three days is on tap for this year's Synod Assembly, which will be held at the Irvine Marriott, May 17 to 19. We will gather around 1 Cor. 4:1 – "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.' Living in the mysteries of God we grow by sharing our stories of faith, reaching out to our communities as God's hands, and sharing the gifts God has provided to us with the world."

Two exciting and engaging speakers have been lined up. The Rev. Dr. David Lose of Luther Seminary, one of our church's finest teachers and preachers, will present the keynote addresses lead our Bible studies each day. Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock, the executive for administration in the presiding bishop's office, will also join us. She will bring the report on ELCA ministries and explain the process involved in implementing the Living into the Future Together (LIFT) initiative, which is intended to help us transform the culture of our church. Worship, workshops, a Mission Festival and more are on the agenda. Thank you to Keith and Cathy Baumgarn and Pastor Kim who will serve as our delegates.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday we meet from 10:00 to 11:00 for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. This month we will finish looking at how each Gospel writer tells the Easter story and then continue with the assigned texts for Sunday. All are welcome!

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Nothing is better than good fellowship and good food and this group combines both! On the first Sunday of the month we will share a meal together as we get to know one another better and share a few laughs. We kick things off May 6 following 10:30 worship in the sanctuary. We'll have lunch at Crispins and talk about future plans. All are welcome! *Crispins is located on Camino De Los Mares, in the Stater Brothers shopping center.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

... Kelly Barreira; Lorinda Olson; Valen Ricciotti

... Brenda Brashears' friend Max;

... Pastor Kim's brother-in-law Deke;

...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."*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Donna Running May 12

Linda Hardy May 13

Daniel Soucy May 15

Susan Wild May 21

Jim Bodas May 31

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has selected *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.

"As Dr. Marina Singh embarks upon an uncertain odyssey into the insect-infested Amazon, she will be forced to surrender herself to the lush but forbidding world that awaits within the jungle. Charged with finding her former mentor Dr. Annick Swenson, a researcher who has disappeared while working on a valuable new drug, she will have to confront her own memories of tragedy and sacrifice as she journeys into the unforgiving heart of darkness. Stirring and luminous, *State of Wonder* is a world unto itself, where unlikely beauty stands beside unimaginable loss beneath the rain forest's jeweled canopy."

We'll meet for a potluck and discussion in the church kitchen on Sunday, June 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Start reading!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Pacifica Synod Assembly, May 17, 18 and 19 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel. Tasks vary from hospitality to passing out papers. Only requirement is your commitment of time and a willingness to be friendly and welcoming. Interested? Call Cheryl Tonk at (714) 536-6090.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
FOR HELPING TO MAKE MALARIA HISTORY!**

Ed & Betty Buck - 2 nets in memory of their parents.

Emilie Matthews - 1 net in memory of Louise Loney & Matt Matthews.

Keith & Cathy Baumgarn - 5 nets in honor of their three healthy children and two grandchildren.

Mary Monasmith - 5 nets in honor of her children and grandson.

Pastor Kim & Katie - 15 nets in thanksgiving for Katie's 15 years of joy and health.

Harvey & Ruth Anderson - 5 nets

Vern Ehlers - 1 net in memory of June Ehlers.

Judy & Norman Franz - 3 nets in memory of their parents.

Lois Faist - 2 nets in memory of Carolyn Martin.

Donna Running - 1 net

Linda Kopperud - 4 nets

Charles Lopez (CLC visitor) - 2 nets in memory of his wife Nancy Lou Klemme.

Mary Ann Messick - 2 nets

Robert Allen - 1 net

Jim & Kaye Tyson - 2 nets in honor of Bert Vincent

Barbara Hawkins - 2 nets

Judy Tatman - 2 nets

Mark & Sara Rehms - 20 nets

