



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 Calendar

Every Tuesday

Bible Study
10:00 a.m.

May 8

WELCA Bible Study
"Rahab, a Faithful Businesswoman"
1p.m. in the Fireside Room

May 11

Mother's Day

May 14

Book Club
6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

May 21

Council Meeting
Fireside Room 5:30 p.m.

May 26

Memorial Day
Church Office
Closed

Sunday Worship

Beach Worship
8:00AM

Sanctuary Service
10:30 AM

Pastor Harvey and Ruth have been traveling for much of April, so the Council has written up the opening article this month.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Easter at Christ Lutheran Church--on the beach and in the sanctuary--was a glorious reminder of the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us, renew us, and bring us into life with Him--to resurrect us and our world as he was resurrected by God, the Father. We had 200 more than our usual number worship with us at our three services on Easter (92 at sunrise, 140 at 8 a.m., and 54 at 10:30)! For those of us who preach, sing, play and read at our services, it is a joy to look out and see an overflowing congregation. And it's a great feeling to actually rub elbows with fellow worshippers!

New Pastor Call Update

Christ Lutheran is definitely in a spring-time of renewal as we look to our next pastor. Your Church Council, acting as Call Committee and working hand-in-hand with Pacifica Synod Bishop Murray Finck, has met twice with a pastoral candidate and enjoyed a social gathering with her and her family on May 1. We included three members of last year's church council--Ron Harlow, Keith Baumgarn and Mary Monasmith--in this event as they were very involved in the past year as we interviewed other candidates. Please pray that this candidate is the one for us! She and we are in the

process of discernment and your prayers WILL help. Before we issue a call, the congregation will have a chance to meet the candidate and we will have a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the call. More to come! Please ask any Church Council Member if you have questions about the candidate or the process.

Christ Lutheran Church Council Members

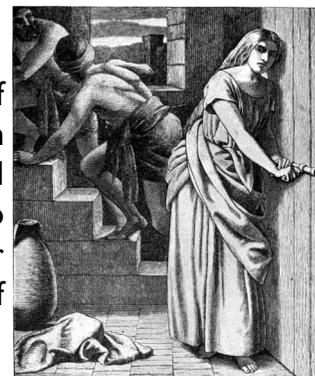
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Pastor Harvey added a little more to his Easter sunrise sermon because, he quipped, "I may not see some of you again for a year." A visiting worshiper sitting next to one of our members leaned over and earnestly whispered, "But I'll be here at Christmas." Let's pray that the Christ Lutheran worship experience and our hospitality as a congregation give a real spiritual lift to all of our visitors, encouraging them to join us much more often than twice a year!

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 meet Rahab, a prostitute or possibly an innkeeper, who protects two Israelite spies by hiding them on her roof, thereby gaining safety for her whole family in the battle of Jericho. She and her family become part of the people of Israel and the lineage of Jesus.



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 Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.



Last book club meeting (L-R): Brad Smith, Ruth Anderson, Kathie Smith, Norman Franz, Judy Franz, Judie Thompson, author William Markey, Karen Anderson, Lois Faist, Warren Vidrine, Louise Gilliam, Donna Vidrine.

Book Club had our best meeting yet in April, discussing *To Love Again* with its author William Markey, an old college friend of CLC member Warren Vidrine (see photo). This month, we are meeting on Wednesday, May 14th to discuss Victor Villasenor's *Rain of Gold*, an epic tale of his parents' harrowing journeys to the United States from Mexico and lives in the barrios of Santa Ana and Corona, CA. We're celebrating Cinco de Mayo a bit late, so bring a Mexican dish to share.

The following month, we'll meet on Tuesday, June 3rd to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's new book, *The Invention of Wings*. Kidd has selected two real women from America's history and fictionalized them as protagonists in her third novel. Sarah comes from a wealthy white family and struggles with the justifications of slavery from the young age of 11. She befriends a slave named Handful who was presented to her as a gift, and together they form convictions and strive for freedom. Again, bring a dish to share and meet in the Fireside Room at church at 6:00 p.m.

Kayak is Back!!!

Summer time brings fellowship on the water with CLC kayaking at Dana Point Harbor! We start up again on Monday, June 2nd, and will continue on Monday nights until Labor Day. Meet at Dana Point Jet Ski & Kayak Center (34671 Puerto Place--south end of the harbor) by 5:30 p.m. to rent your kayak-- \$15 single, \$20 double. We do one loop around the harbor then head somewhere nearby for Happy Hour. Come join us!



CHRIST LUTHERAN OUTREACH - SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Outreach Opportunities in May

First, thank you from the San Clemente Military Family Outreach to those who contributed school supplies for San Onofre School at Camp Pendleton in early April and from Family Assistance Ministries for the Easter baskets provided by CLC members in mid-April. We didn't collect very many items for either event, but every little bit helps!

Upcoming this month is SCMFO's second annual "Semper Fidei-Tea" for military wives at the north end of Camp Pendleton. The tea is set for Saturday, May 24, from 2 to 4p.m. in San Onofre Clubhouse #1 on base and this year we're having a luau theme. This morale event is an opportunity for the San Clemente community to show how much we care about our military families, to share the resources available to them from SCMFO, and to introduce them to each other. Once again, we are in need of door prizes (salon visits, movie passes, dinners out, beach chairs/ towels, gift cards, etc.) and smaller goodie bag items for each of the 25 expected guests. Also someone to help Judy make tea sandwiches! Contact Judy Franz for more information or for a fundraising letter from SCMFO that you can use when asking for donations.

-Judy Franz is our Outreach Coordinator and member of the Church Council. You can contact her at (949)493-3826 or junofranz@aol.com

THIRSTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE by Nancy Goldberger, Loyola University, Chicago in the May issue of "Gather", the ELCA women's magazine.

At what cost?

When I started thinking about the impact of drinking bottled water, it did not take long for me to realize that a \$1 bottle of water comes with a significantly higher cost. The science- focused website www.phys.org states that "world consumption of bottled water has increased by 70 percent since 2001 to 53 billion gallons in 2007, some people have become concerned about the environmental, economical, and social impacts of bottled water."

In a recent study, researchers estimated that it requires up to 2,000 times the energy to produce bottled water verses using tap water. That includes the energy required to "manufacture plastic, fabricate the plastic into bottles, process the water, fill and seal the bottles, transport the bottles, and chill the bottles for use." That was a huge wake-up call for me.

...National Geographic for Kids included this interesting tidbit: "Americans buy more bottled water than any other nation in the world, adding 29 billion water bottles a year to the problem. In order to make all these bottles, manufacturers use 17 million barrels of crude oil. That's enough oil to keep a million cars going for 12 months. Imagine a water bottle filled a quarter of the way up with oil. That's about how much oil was needed to produce the bottle."

...I lift my glass of water to each of you who work to make positive change, big or small. Thank you for using your hands, hearts, faith, and actions for healing.

FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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.

La Cristianita Preschool Newsletter

From the director...

Happy Mother's Day!

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced Oscar Mayer weiners and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here." Who have sat in rocking chairs for hours on end soothing crying babies who can't be comforted.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse. For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mother's who DON'T.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections are hanging on their refrigerator doors. And for all the mothers who froze their buns on metal bleachers at football or soccer games instead of watching from the warmth of their cars. And that

when their kids asked, "Did you see me, Mom?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair when they stomp their feet and scream for ice cream before dinner. And for all the mothers who count to ten instead, but realize how child abuse happens.

This is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the (grand)mothers who wanted to, but just couldn't find the words.

This is for all the mothers who go hungry, so their children can eat. For all the mothers who read "Goodnight Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again. "Just one more time." This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoes before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their

daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for every mother whose head turns automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home – or even away at college.

This is for all the mothers who sent their kids to school with stomachaches, assuring them they'd be just FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up. Right away.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them. For all the mothers who bite their lips until they bleed when their 14 year olds dye their hair green. For all the mothers of the victims of recent school shootings, and the mothers of those who did the shooting.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to be peaceful, and now pray they come home safely from a war.



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What makes a good mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time? Or is it in her heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time? The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 AM to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby? The panic, years later, that comes again at 2 AM when you just want to hear their key in the door and know they are safe again in your home?

Or the need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a fire, a car accident, or a child dying? The emotions of motherhood are universal and so our thoughts are for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation... And mature mothers learning to let go.

For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers. Mothers with money, mothers without.

This for all of you. For all of us... Hang in there. In the end we can only do the best we can. Tell them every day that we love them. And pray.

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In Our Classroom...

Spring is in the air and our school year is almost over. We have so much to do as we get ready for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Our Pre K classes will be starting to prepare for Graduation. We will all be learning about animals that live on the farm and using lots of the colors blue and yellow. There is a lot happening so please be sure to read all of the notes that go home - we don't want anyone to miss out on the fun!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY 5-9-TEACHER APPRECIATION

MAY 8-MOTHER'S DAY TEA 6:30-8PM

MAY 16-TRIKE-A-THON

MAY 26-MEMORIAL DAY-NO SCHOOL!

JUNE 5-DAD'S NIGHT 6:30-8PM

JUNE 19-GRADUATION AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

JUNE 20-SCHOOL CLOSED!



Spread The Word!!!
There are still spaces
available for the 2014/15
school year!!
Please tell your friends and
neighbors!

Teacher Appreciation Week...

May 5-9 is National Teacher Appreciation Week! Please show your child's teacher how much you appreciate all of their hard work! The room parent for your class will be sending out information about what to bring each day!



Trike-A-Thon...

Our annual trike-a-thon will take place Friday, May 16 in the morning! Watch for more details to come home soon! This is a fabulous fundraiser for our school so plan to spend the morning with us cheering the kids on! It is so much fun!!! Plan your decorations now—but note we will have no rasors or scooters this year! The fall carnival raised about 1/4 of what it usually does this year so let's pump up our fund-raising efforts that will enable us to do some much needed facility enhancements!!

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 battling health issues for strength and healing;

...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!

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

**BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT
10 A.M.**

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

**THE VIRGIN MARY, HOLY
MOTHER**

All mothers in the United States will be honored this May 11th on Mother's Day. Here's a couple of interesting facts about Jesus's mother, Mary:

- Many know Mary (*Maryam*) and her role in the Christian church, but did you know she is also revered in Islam and has an entire chapter of the Qur'an devoted to her?
- If Mary and Joseph kept with Jewish custom, she would have been betrothed at the age of 12. This means she would have bore Jesus when she was 13.

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