



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.



October Calendar

October 16
Council
Meeting

October 22
No Bible Study

October 24
La Cristianita Fall
Carnival 6:30pm

October 27
Reformation
Sunday

October 29
No Bible Study

October 31
Reformation Day
(Traditional)

Sunday Worship

Beach Worship
8:00AM

Sanctuary Service
10:30 AM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The last Sunday of October this year is **REFORMATION SUNDAY**. It changed the Christian world. The Sunday following it is known as "**All Saints Sunday**" in the Christian church. This older festival began in the year 360 in honor of the Christian martyrs. It later was expanded to cover all the saints, and today it is a Sunday set aside in the church to remind us that the same power of God, which has touched the lives of people in the past, is still present, still active among us today.

In every sense of the Christian word, we are now the saints of God. We even use the term each Sunday when we confess the Apostles' Creed... I believe in the "**communion of saints**." The communion of saints, not only means we who have gathered here today, but also the full participation with the rest of the Christian world that is alive today as well as being part of that great, unseen host of those in the past and those who are yet to come in the future.

This communion of saints includes those famous people of the past - the Abrahams, and the Joshuas, and Saint Peter and Saint Paul and Saint Francis and Martin Luther, as well as millions upon millions of unsung and unknown holy ones who have participated and do participate and will participate in the spirit and love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I read a little story about the 12 year old boy who was asked by his Sunday School teacher, "**What is a saint?**" It seems that it had happened that the boy had been taken that summer by his parents to see many of the great cathedrals in Europe and England. As he searched for an answer to the question, he remembered the saints he had seen depicted in all those stained glass windows, and he replied, "**A saint is someone who lets the light shine through.**" And may it be so that we also let the light of the Christ shine through.

Pastor Harvey Anderson

NEWS FROM ELCA: NEW PRESIDING BISHOP *Submitted by Betty Buck*

Presiding bishop Mark Hanson is departing after holding the office for 12 years. As he wrote in last month's copy of *The Lutheran*, with Paul I pray: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).

Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton was elected to be the first female to hold the office on August 14th of this year. She said the results of the vote were "a shock", saying she was among the many that were surprised that Bishop Mark Hanson was not re-elected. She thought the results may have been due to people taking the theme of the assembly, "always being made new", to heart.

The new presiding bishop grew up in Cleveland, and remains an avid fan of their sports teams. She has the ability to "comfortably weave cultural references ranging from 16th-century religious theologian Martin Luther to Darth Vader into her conversation." She graduated from Harvard Divinity School, and was ordained in 1981; her husband, Rev. Conrad Selnick, is an Episcopal priest. Together they have two daughters. Known for her wry sense of humor, she commented that her love of chicken (a staple at church potlucks) should be one of her assets in her new role.

She is hoping that ELCA can re-engage their communities. "Connect with them and tell them there is a God who loves and cares deeply about you and your life, and here's a place where you can find meaning," she said. Eaton said she is not worried about the future church, even though "I don't know what it will look like. It's God's church, not mine."

Bishop Hanson said, "We look to the future under Presiding Bishop-elect Elizabeth A. Eaton's leadership with confident hope. For hope is in Christ Jesus, and the future is God's gift to us. Let us receive it with a living, daring, confidence in God's grace. Thanks be to God."

EXERPT FROM CHRIST IN OUR HOME

October 31st Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

God's people will receive the kingdom. God's victory is assured. If we doubt that, we only need to look at the story of God's Son. Jesus the Christ seemed crushed and defeated. The cross appeared to be the end. But, as people of faith, we know better. When the news of the day threatens to overwhelm us, we need to look to the cross and to the rising of the Son. This vision of hope can give us the strength and courage to persevere.

Most high God, give us a vision of your Son, so we might continue to carry your mission of love and grace into our shattered world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26th ANNIVERSARY FAM HUNGER WALK SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20th

On Sunday, October 20, Family Assistance Ministries will stage its 26th annual Hunger Walk in San Clemente. South County residents will have the opportunity to make a major difference in the lives of South Orange County's less fortunate by participating in the event, which will be a 2.5 mile walk beginning and ending at the San Clemente Community Center at Del Mar and Seville.

All proceeds will go directly to Family Assistance Ministries, and will be spent locally to help clients with food, rent, utilities, emergency transportation and senior medical expenses. The nonprofit has assisted an average of 2955 clients a month so far this year, with 46 percent of them children.

FAM also operates a 26-bed shelter for women and young children in San Clemente, named for its founder, Ellen Gilchrist. Since its opening in 2003, it has served nearly 546 women and children, and has been very successful in moving graduates into permanent affordable housing.

Mary Gray Perdue, FAM's Executive Director, said the 2013 Hunger Walk goal is to have 600 walkers and raise \$92,000. "We realize this is an aggressive goal, but even though the economy is improving, the need for aid is growing substantially. This has greatly impacted our resources," she said.

The major source of funds from the walk comes from an entry fee for individual walkers who can also obtain pledges from friends and family. All walkers who raise at least \$25 will receive an event T-shirt and a bottle of water.

Check in starts at the Community Center at 12:30 p.m. Live music will be provided by the "Old Money Jim" band and there will be pre-Walk aerobic warm-up exercises and photos taken of all the walking teams. The walk steps off at 2 p.m.

Register on-line at www.family-assistance.org and click on the Hunger Walk link.

Special Note to CLC Members regarding the Hunger Walk

When registering and donating online, be sure to note that you are with the Christ Lutheran Church team. You can give your T-shirt size online and pick up your shirt and turn in your donations at check-in. Pick up sponsor sheets at church or download a sheet on the FAM website.

CLC was one of the highest contributing churches to the Hunger Walk last year and we hope to do better this year and have even more walkers. We are Silver level sponsors this year, thanks to a donation and decision by Church Council to use \$350 in budgeted outreach dollars for FAM.

For more information, see Judy Franz after church starting Sept. 22 or contact her at 949-493-3826 or junofranz@aol.com.

VARIETY SHOW TO BENEFIT 1,000 MILITARY FAMILIES OCTOBER 26th

San Clemente Military Family Outreach will present its 6th Annual Fundraiser Variety Show, "Heartlights", Saturday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., at the San Clemente Community Center. A fast-paced show starring Jim Curry with a John Denver tribute, comedians Patrick Hanifin and Michael Davis, instrumentalists from Pioneer School of Music, and soloists from the South Coast Singers' Stars of Tomorrow competition, the event will raise funds to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 1,000 military families in north Camp Pendleton.

Christ Lutheran is one of nine area churches supporting SCMFO and the Variety Show this year. Reserved seating (limited tickets available) at the Christ Lutheran table is \$35 per person. General admission seating is \$25 each. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.militaryfamilyoutreach.com or from Judy Franz after each CLC service starting Sept. 22.

The event will feature special guest "Lady Leatherneck" Jenna Lee Lombardo and include a raffle and the "Heartlights Cafe".

San Clemente Military Family Outreach is an all-volunteer nonprofit whose mission is to provide emergency assistance to military families in north Camp Pendleton, responding to requests for financial and material aid, as well as conducting morale projects for the families served.

Thank you for supporting SCMFO and military families!

SELMA'S FUNDRAISER FOR MILITARY FAMILY OUTREACH

In conjunction with the SCMFO Variety Show this year, Selma's Chicago Pizzeria on Del Mar in downtown San Clemente, is having a fundraiser benefiting Military Family Outreach. It's easy to participate! Download the flyer from www.militaryfamilyoutreach.com or pick one up at church, take it with you to Selma's on Saturday, Oct. 26, any time between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Eat in or take out. 20% of what you spend will be donated to SCMFO by Selma's.

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 and our congregation;

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

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

Murray Finck and the Pacifica Synod;

...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."*

LA CRISTIANITA'S FALL CARNIVAL

Join us on Thursday, October 24th from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. for fun, food, and a silent auction- all to raise funds for the preschool! The Fall Carnival is the biggest fundraiser of the school year, and we have many wonderful gift baskets (including one for a trip on a fire boat!) that you will want to come and bid on in the auction! Our own Mary Monosmith donated an adorable gift set including a hand-made quilt with a matching pillow case and activity bag. You don't want to miss out on this! See you there!

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.clcsanclemente.org

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-Lutheran-Church-San-Clemente-CA/241242593620>

HELP US KEEP THE EARTH CLEAN

Here at CLC we have labeled our trash cans "recycle" and "trash" so we can make a conscious effort to help keep this earth beautiful for the generations to come. Please help us in our endeavor and throw all paper, can and plastic products in the recycle trash cans. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOVEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the November Newsletter will be due on October 31st. Please email your submissions to secretary@cbc.occoxmail.com or turn in to one of the church council members at either service. Thank you!

FYI: CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & LA CRISTIANITA PRESCHOOL

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PLANNING AHEAD

- November 17 - Stewardship Sunday - both services.
- January 19, 2014 - Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.