

## Happy New Year 2022!



As we near the end of the Christmas season and welcome the Epiphany, we bid farewell to the tumultuous

events of 2021, and embrace the joys and challenges of 2022 with, as Pastor Jon declared, an abundance of hope.

## Making Spiritual resolutions for the new year?

*From Pastor Cyndi*

Dear Ones,

Well 2021 is behind us and 2022 is before us. What will it bring?

Make any resolutions? I know the regular one for me is to lose weight, or at least not gain any. But what about Spiritual resolutions? Maybe to be aware of God wherever we are, to be in constant conversation with God, to listen for that still small voice?

Somewhere I read that if "God is your co-pilot," you might want to change seats. I know that after I have screwed things up -- that's when I usually ask for God's help. This year I'm going to try asking for God's help first -- in the morning, at noon, in the evening, actually whenever I need help in discerning God's will in my life, what

direction am I to take?

For example: this past year we restarted Sunday School. We had a rough go at first. Most Sunday's we had 0 to 3 children, and mostly zero. We thought about where is the need? Rather than

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## Asi que sigue adelante hacia lo que Dios tiene para ti

*Para Vicar Elena*

¡Feliz Año 2022!

Todavía no sé mis resoluciones de Año Nuevo, pero sí quiero hacerlas, creo que cada uno de nosotros necesitamos tener resoluciones en nuestras vidas. Necesitamos tener metas, necesitamos objetivos y necesitamos anhelar cosas en la vida.

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# Así que sigue adelante hacia lo que Dios tiene para ti

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El apóstol Pablo después de años de caminar con Dios, escribió: “ 13 No, amados hermanos, no lo he logrado, pero me concentro únicamente en esto: olvido el pasado y fijo la mirada en lo que tengo por delante, y así 14 avanzo hasta llegar al final de la carrera para recibir el premio celestial al cual Dios nos llama por medio de Cristo Jesús. “ (Filipenses 3:13-14 ). Tenemos un largo camino por recorrer espiritualmente. En lo personal tengo mucho que cambiar y espero que veas eso en ti también pues somos obras en progreso. Todos necesitamos crecer y profundizar en nuestro caminar con el Señor.

Sin embargo, no podemos ser controlados por errores pasados o vivir en victorias pasadas. Así que, si “la regaste” :) el año pasado, entonces aprende de eso y no lo vuelvas a hacer. Has cambios en tu comportamiento, en tus hábitos y en tus elecciones para que no vuelvas a ir por ese camino

Y, si Dios hizo algo maravilloso en tu vida el año pasado, no vivas en victorias pasadas. Un año completamente nuevo está ante ti con muchas oportunidades nuevas. Así que sigue adelante hacia lo que Dios tiene para ti.

En Cristo, Elena Enriquez

## Move on to what God has for you in 2022

*From Vicar Elena*

Happy New Year 2022!

I don't know my New Years resolutions yet, but I do want to make them, I think each of us needs to have resolutions in our lives. We need to have goals, we need goals, and we need to yearn for things in life.

The apostle Paul, after years of walking with God, wrote: “No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not succeeded, but I focus solely on this: I forget the past and fix my gaze on what lies ahead, and thus I advance, until we reach the end of the race to receive the heavenly prize to which God calls us through Jesus Christ.”(Philippians 3:13-14)

We have a long way to go spiritually. Personally, I have a lot to change and I hope you see that in you too, because we are works in progress. We all need to grow and deepen in our walk with the

Lord.

We must not be controlled by past mistakes or live in past victories. So if you blew off last year, then learn from it and don't do it again. Make changes in your behavior, in your habits and in your choices so that you do not go down that path again.

And, if God did something wonderful in your life last year, don't live in past victories. A whole new year is before you with many new opportunities. So move on to what God has for you.

In Christ, Elena Enriquez

**NEXT CLARION DEADLINE**

**Monday, January 17  
at 4 P.M.**

**wgstothers2@gmail.com**

# ***Meet our new Sunday School teacher Karissa***

Hello Everyone,

My name is Karissa Abrego-Flax and I'm excited to be a part of the Children's Ministry. So many of my childhood memories are filled from growing up in the church. I was baptized at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and confirmed at Church of the Master in California. My grandmother was a devoted Lutheran and always modeled her everlasting faith. This was one of the many things I have always admired about her. I'm honored to continue her legacy for not only my children but also through the Children's Ministry. I have been in education for over ten years and I love teaching. I have been very fortunate to have worked with so many amazing students and be able to share my

passion for learning. I have a Master's in Applied Behavior Analysis and in Special Education.



I'm beyond blessed with an incredible family which include my husband and two daughters. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's journey and share God's love.

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## ***Sunday School draws children to singing, pals and Bible lessons***

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having the children come when we thought they should, we changed to have Sunday School when the children were here. We now have a dozen or so children singing songs, learning about God and having a good time with each other. If you know a youngster who would enjoy singing and meeting new friends, invite them to join us at 11:30 on Sunday mornings.

We are blessed to have Karissa Abrego Flax leading our team -- along with Katy Lundeen, Emily Lauchmen, Mitchell Little, Ruth Andersen in the background and myself present to tell the Bible story. This year, I ask you to hold our Sunday School -- the children, their families, the teachers and staff, our church in your



prayers. Make a resolution to continually ask God to help and guide us. We will be amazed at what God has in store for us!

If the Spirit has whispered something in your ear -- an idea or project -- come let's talk. Let's see where the Spirit is leading us!



## ***The kingdom of God by the Rev. Mark Allan Powell***

The kingdom of God: What does it mean for God to be in charge?

New Testament scholar Mark Allan Powell looks at a widely used biblical image and invites us into a discussion of what it might mean for Lutheran women today. The phrase “kingdom of God” and similar expressions turn up repeatedly in sayings of Jesus, so understanding what that expression means helps us to make sense of numerous parables and popular Bible passages (including the Lord’s Prayer).

There may be some surprises: the phrase refers to an activity, not a location—and it has nothing to do with God being a “king,” at least so far as that image suggests a (usually male) tyrant who gives orders and dominates the lives of his subjects. Powell is author of the world’s best-selling New Testament textbook and editor of the Harper-Collins Bible Dictionary.

### ***Looking Deeper at Luke starting January 10***

Beginning January 10th on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 pm, Bill Fredericks and Pastor Cyndi will lead a study on the Gospel reading for the next Sunday. This will be on Zoom. Email to [pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org](mailto:pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org) and she’ll send you the Zoom link. Hope you can join us!

### **January 2022**

*Session 1: Beautiful feet: Announcing the reign of God*

The prophet Isaiah said, “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who announces, “Your God reigns!” No one has ever fit the description better than Jesus, who talked more about the reign of God than he did about anything else. We will ask, what would it mean for God to be in charge of our lives? And why would that be good news?

**Focus Verses:** Matthew 3:7-12, Galatians 5:16-23, Acts 10:3-42

ALL are invited to attend either of the Gather Bible study groups meeting in January.

**Patience Gather** Bible Study, Monday, January 10, 12:30 p.m. Hostess is Arlene Riordan.

**Ruth Gather** Bible Study, Thursday, January 13, 10 a.m., Room 1.

**W-ELCA Board Meeting**, Saturday, January 22, 10:00 a.m., Room 1. All are welcome to attend the board meeting

### ***Collecting eyeglasses for the Lions Club***

The women (W-ELCA) of CLC are collecting eyeglasses, readers and prescription sunglasses (and cases) for the San Diego Lion’s Club. A collection container is on the table in the Narthex or you can drop them off in the office. Thank you.

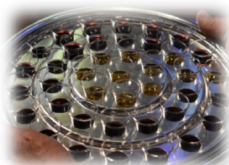
# CLC Volunteer Schedule - January 2022

## Lay Readers

Jan 2	Karen Creusere
Jan 9	Holly Doolittle
Jan 16	Bill Fredericks
Jan 23	Bev Covey
Jan 30	Gary Lange



## Communion Assistants



Jan 2	Carol Nichols, Pam Allen
Jan 9	Peggy Richie, Holly Doolittle
Jan 16	Emilie Lauchmen, Arleen Riordon
Jan 23	Harriot Carmona, Gary Lange
Jan 30	Emilie Lauchmen, Rita Leatherman

## Welcome Teams

Jan 2	Pam Allen , Sandra Logan
Jan 9	Rita Leatherman, Emilie Lauchmen
Jan 16	Holly Doolittle, Harriet Carmona
Jan 23	Clyde & Becky Prem
Jan 30	Gary Lange & Emilie Lauchmen



## Altar Flowers

Jan 2	open
Jan 9	Rita Leatherman
Jan 16	open
Jan 23	open
Jan 30	open

### Please take a

moment to sign up for special dates for flowers on the chart by the glass doors.



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

Nic	Flax	01/02
Barbara	Kannemen	01/04
Tessa	Allen	01/06
LeRoy R	Bannach	01/07
Keven	Reece	01/08
Ellen	Rodgers	01/08
Elizabeth	Fugate	01/09
Scott	Ibey	01/14
Kitty	Pfizenmeier	01/14
Heidi	Acosta	01/14
Karla	Bojorquez	01/15
Jasmine	Stivers	01/16
Alexandra	Gjerset	01/16
Marco	Vasquez	01/17
Bob	Allen	01/19
Marissa	Valentan	01/20
Gayle	Hazel	01/22
Gabriel	Zona-Moya	01/22
Tanya	Buchanan	01/22
Duke	Kaduk	01/24
Cliff	Archer	01/29
Irene	Voth	01/30

\* If you are not on this list and celebrate a birthday in this month please contact the office to update our info.

## Media Teams

Jan 2	Lewis John TenHulzen, Jackson Snipas
Jan 9	Chase Dunlavey, Parker Snipas
Jan 16	Sydney Buchanan, Grace Doolittle
Jan 23	Mike Wall, Emilie Lauchmen
Jan 30	Mike Wall,



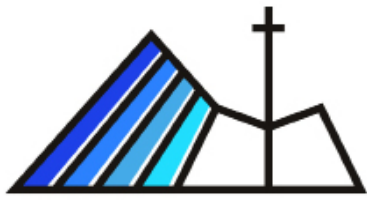
## Altar Guild

Rita Leatherman

# January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español	<b>3</b> 7:15 Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>5</b> 4:00pm German School	<b>6</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm AI-Anon	<b>8</b> 7:00am SA 11:00am Bells
<b>9</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 4:30pm Youth Group	<b>10</b> 12:30pm Patience Bible Study 4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>12</b> 4:00pm German School	<b>13</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 10:00am Ruth Bible Study 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school	<b>14</b> 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm AI-Anon	<b>15</b> 7:00am SA 11:00am Bells
<b>16</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español	<b>17 Clarion Deadline</b> 4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Scout 8:00pm AA Meeting <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>18 11:00am Staff Meeting</b> 4:30pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Executive Team 7:15pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>19</b> 10:00am Mid month Bible Study 4:00pm German school 6:30pm Stephen Min	<b>20</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school 6:00pm Stephen Ministry	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm AI-Anon	<b>22</b> 7:00am SA 11:00am Bells
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<b>30</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español	<b>31</b> 4:00pm Gospel Study for the following week on zoom 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Scout 8:00pm AA Meeting					



# Church Business



## November Financial Report:

### Income:

**Budget:** \$42,450      **Actual** \$40,694      **YTD Actual** \$482,182

### Expenses:

**Budget** \$43,606      **Actual** \$62,964      **YTD Actual** \$494,278

While our overall income is short of expectations our pledge income is still very generous. We had some construction projects and maintenance issues that needed to be done that raised our expenses. Thank you for all your generous gifts to Clairemont Lutheran Church.

### Raise the Roof: Building fund

**Income:** \$198,106      **YTD:** \$391,110

**Expenses:** \$10,747      **YTD:** \$212,566

## ***Message from the Executive Committee from December 19***

The Church Council and in particular, the Executive Committee of the Church Council, monitors the expenses of the Church. Late last year (2021) we noticed discrepancies in the expenses. With our new financial coordinator, we were able to assess this matter more fully.

From our preliminary review, we have found that there has been a misappropriation of funds from the church with a church credit card. These activities took place at least in(from) the first part of 2021 and we are looking back to determine if the situation occurred in other years. The information we have is still developing, but it appears an amount in the low tens of thousands of dollars has been misappropriated in 2021. We are working with the bishop, our insurance

company, and the police on this as well as taking steps to secure the Church funds from any further misuse.

Obviously, we, along with many in the congregation, are saddened and disappointed this has happened. The Congregation remains financially sound. And the overall financial picture for our building fund and operations is secure.

What is most important now is not to reflect fixing on the past, but on how we go forward. We will get through this. Many of us are hurt and upset over the situation even as we work to move forward.

The Council will update on new developments as we are able.

## ***January 9: Baptism of Our Lord and Epiphany***

This is the day we celebrate our Lord's Baptism and remember the promises attached to our own.

The worship service will include a rite of renewal of our Baptismal Covenant. We will recall once again what it means to live as a Baptized child of God. It would be wonderful to celebrate Baptisms during our service as well. If you are considering a Baptism or have someone for the pastors to contact, please let us know.

It is also the day that we commemorate the visitation of the Biblical Magi to the Baby Jesus. On this Sunday we will be installing our council as well as our W-ELCA leaders for 2022.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Church Office will be closed January 17 for the celebration of MLK Jr. day.

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