

Celebrating All Saints Day on November 7

On Sunday, November 7 we celebrate the festival of All Saints. This is the traditional day for us to pause and give special honor to those from our congregation who have entered eternal life since our last All Saints' celebration.

This year we will be praying for the families of June and Larry Asfazadour, Martha Martel, Dick Martin, John Pephens, Sherri Goeb, Jesús Mecina, Carol Nass, Kal Kaltenborn, Delores and Sally Ann Huston, Wanda Boyce, Margaret Vokmann, Karen Eddy, Deanne Pursel, Lil Thomas, Noland Ingram, Lindsay Bailey, Arceli Gonzelez, William Reed and Carl Johnson.

We have created a banner for each of those whom we remember. The banners are placed around the altar to remind us that we truly are a part of the Communion of Saints. We are a part of one body in Christ, and so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we will unite our voices in praise of our living Lord. In addition, we will have a table in the narthex for placing mementos of those we wish to remember as well. This is open



to the entire congregation. Following the service, we will have a special reception to honor those families that were not able to have a reception during these pandemic days.

May all who mourn be comforted by the hope found in God's resurrection promise. Rest eternal grant those whom we mourn O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Thanksgiving Day Worship, November 25 at 10:00 am.

A service of Holy Communion for those of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont, their families, friends and all visitors. Our own petitions of thanksgiving and concern will be included in our prayers.

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'Singing a Song of the Saints of God'



From Pastor Cyndi

Dear Ones at Clairemont Lutheran, All Saints Day is November 7th. This year, because of the Pandemic, we acknowledge that many families did not have the opportunity to gather after the death of their loved one -- no memorial, no reception. With this in mind, we have planned a Service of Remembrance for all those who have died in the past year. Yes we have created banners for those who have passed on to Everlasting Life. In addition, we will host a Community Reception following the 9:30 service to allow the families to gather and be greeted by the community. Please plan on attending this special event. Sunday School is beginning to blossom with 13 children meeting on the lower



patio at 11:30 on Sunday mornings.

Katy Lundeen is teaching us a new song, "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God" as we get ready for All Saints Day and learn what is a Saint?

We hear what God is saying to his people -- a Gospel message spoken to children. We are making "remembrances" for those in the community who have lost someone this past year.

Please look around and see if there are any young people who would enjoy meeting new friends their age, singing some songs, and learning about God in their lives. Remember to mask up.

And lastly, thank you for the wonderful "official" welcome and your support of my ministry on October 10. It was a glorious day!

Blessings.



Noviembre mes dar gracias.

Para VÍcar Elena

Día de Gracias ¿Por qué debemos dar gracias a Dios? Si supiéramos que algo malo va a suceder, ¿daríamos gracias a Dios?

Jesús lo hizo. Él dio gracias, aun sabiendo que estaba a punto de ir al Infierno y cargar con los pecados del mundo.

La Biblia dice: "Que la misma noche que el Señor Jesús fue traicionado, tomó en sus manos pan y, después de haber dado gracias a Dios, lo partió, se lo dio a sus discípulos y dijo: «Tomen y coman, este es mi cuerpo entregado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria de mí.» " (1 Corintios 11:23–24).

Jesús conocía el futuro. Sabía lo que le esperaba. Él sabía que nadie lo libraría de la cruz. Incluso sabía que uno de sus propios discípulos, Judas Iscariote, lo traicionaría, sabía que los demás se

esconderían y sabía que Simón Pedro lo negaría. Jesús conocía toda la historia porque Él es Dios omnisciente. Entonces, ¿por qué dio gracias a Dios?

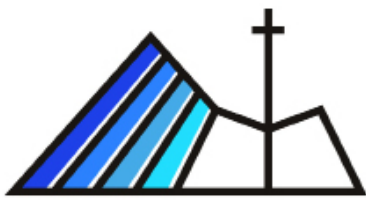
Si alguien dice que perdió su fe debido a alguna crisis en su vida, creo que sí debió deshacerse de esa fe. Pues esa clase de fe no vale nada. La fe que no puede ser probada es una fe en la que no se puede confiar. Pues cualquiera puede alabar a Dios cuando el cielo es azul y el sol brilla. Pero si podemos alabar a Dios cuando el techo se está derrumbando, cuando el piso se está cayendo y cuando las cosas van mal quiere decir que somos verdaderos seguidores de Jesucristo.

Hermanos, debemos recordar que Dios siempre está obrando en cada circunstancia de nuestras vidas. Y esa es una gran razón para dar gracias. ¡Feliz día de Gracias!

Raising the Roof: Congregational meeting update

On Oct 24 we moved to sign the construction contracts and have begun our dreams of a new kitchen and fellowship Hall become a reality, Look for exciting progress over the weeks ahead as we pull the permits from the city. First up is the demolition of the current hall.





Church Business



September Financial Report:

Income:

Budget: \$51,850 Actual \$39,638 YTD \$ 402,491

Expenses:

Budget \$44,131 Actual \$42,360 YTD \$373,002

Net: \$44,920

While our overall income is short of expectations our pledge income is still very generous. Thank you for all your generous gifts to Clairemont Lutheran Church.

Raise the Roof Building fund

Income: \$8,581 YTD: \$ 185,941

Expenses: \$0 YTD: \$508

Welcome 2 new members of our office staff

Hello, my name is Tanya Buchanan. I grew up in Ventura county in a little town named Fillmore. I then moved to San Diego and met my husband Greg. We've been married for 21yrs and have 2 amazing children: Gregory (19) and Sydney(15). I was blessed to be a stay at home mom for 17 years. Today I feel very blessed to be working at the church and look forward to meeting all of you.



We would like to introduce our new Ministry Assistant for Finance, Sheri Haines. Sheri grew up in Orange County and attended St. John's Lutheran School



and Lutheran High School of Orange County before joining the Navy. Sheri brings 15 years of non-profit ministry financial management experience and is excited

to be part of the Clairemont Lutheran community.

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT: A divine wild goose chase

*Session 3: Wind of God;
Refiner and Re-Router*

The Holy Spirit is the wind of God, moving us into deeper faithfulness and more authentic love. We'll see the ways in which God's Spirit moves us to bear good fruit in the world and refines us into our truest selves. We will also follow the Spirit's movements through the early church to see how the Spirit re-routes God's people, guiding us into transformed lives and renewed communities of faith. ALL are invited to attend either of the Gather Bible study groups meeting in November.

Patience Gather Bible Study, Monday, November 8, 1:00, Room 1. Bible study leader is Ruth Andersen and Hostess is Harriet Morris.

Ruth Gather Bible Study, Thursday, November 11, 10 a.m., Room 1.

OTHER EVENTS:

Piece and Sew – Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2-3, 9:00 a.m.

Pacifica Synodical Women's Convention – November 6 – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. "Spiritual Disciplines" around Colossians 3:16

Newly ordained Pastor Juli Patten will be our speaker. She was a scholarship recipient for our convention and then a board member back a few years!! She currently is serving her first call to Christ Lutheran in San Clemente and is excited to be sharing with us. We will also hear from our churchwide representative,

Laura Krueger, from the Grand Canyon Synod.

The Zoom link will be open by 12:30 to give all a chance to overcome any glitches that may happen and to chat with others we may not have seen for many months! Programming is planned to last about two to two and a half hours including a mix of praise music and traditional music played in between the programming segments. You will be muted but certainly can sing along or use the time to stand and dance in place to the music or otherwise take a short break from watching the screen. Please plan to join in and invite others!

Contact Harriet Morris for the zoom link: harrietmorris@cox.net

SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Cancelled stamps will now be sent to "Stamps for the Wounded" serving our veterans since 1942. Although they have been around for a while, they are new to us.

Continue to clip stamps from envelopes and packages leaving AT LEAST a quarter inch margin of paper around stamps. Drop them off in the church office, give to Bonnie Jackson or one of the Women of the ELCA board members. For more information go to their website: www.stampsforthewounded.org

MISSION QUILTS

187 quilts in 32 boxes were blessed, packed, bar coded, loaded on the semi

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This is a Season of Thanks and Invitation



From Pastor Jon

Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, our life in our community of faith is full of invitations. During November Clairemont Lutheran/ iglesia lutherana is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us

along in our faith development. When we make an intentional decision about what we bring before Christ we extend a blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation. During these past difficult time we know more than ever that our world is broken and hurting. We are called to be a movement for wholeness for our community and all who seek a relationship with our savior.

Mid-month Bible Study Continues

From Bill Fredricks

The Mid-month Bible study continues in November, December and into 2022. In November and December we will study the Birth of the Messiah.

Every year I display my Crèche for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany



seasons. I carefully place the Holy family by the manger, the shepherds, the angels, the wise men

and the animals in their accustomed places. Then I spend the seasons in wonderment over the birth of God's Holy child. I'm sure you do much the same thing. But wait, does my Crèche really tell the story of Jesus' birth as the gospels of Mathew and Luke tell it? Join us and find out.

We meet on November 17 to study the Gospel according to Matthew chapters 1 & 2. You might prepare by reading these two chapters.

Then we meet on December 15 to study the Gospel according to Luke. Please bring your Bible.

CCSA Holiday Programs for homeless

CCSA will be providing Family Christmas Baskets and Christmas Bags for Homeless again this year. Clients sign up with Clairemont or Pacific Beach centers for their bag or basket. To support CCSA and outreach to those needing help at Christmas, here is how we will participate this year with space limitations at church. Christmas Bag for Homeless - CCSA distributes a festive Gift Bag prepared especially for them to homeless clients. A flyer with the List of Desired Items will be in the Narthex at church. You can provide a complete bag or bring items to church by November 21. Volunteers at CCSA will begin assembling the gift bags the following week.

Family Christmas Basket - We will donate gift cards only. CCSA distributes a festive

Basket that will contain non-perishable food and a \$35.00 gift card from Target or Walmart for perishables items to each client family. Monetary donations can be made for gift cards or gift cards can be brought to church and given to the office by Sunday December 5.

CCSA needs In-person volunteers to receive baskets from those who prepare them Tuesday December 14, and Wednesday, December 15 for distribution day. Hours are 8am – 5pm at St. Mark's Methodist Church each day. All levels from light work to heavy lifting are needed. Four-hour shifts are preferred but you can volunteer for the full day. Let me know if you are interested.

If you have Christmas cards and/or stamps you would like to donate, you can take them to either center.

Please contact Heidi Acosta 858-373-8634 if questions and thank you for your support!

Giving the gift of listening to a stranger

From Harriet Carmona

Listening is a gift. Recently, while attending the memorial for Eddie's father, I was able to give this gift to a stranger. The Stephen Ministry class has taught me to be a good listener, how to ask questions, and how respond with caring concern.

At the memorial I met two interesting women and had asked them, "How did you come to know Eddy?" The conversations took off from that simple question. It is amazing how many people have stories they would like to share, if someone else has a listening ear, and mind and heart.

Later, I had my purse on my shoulder

and was leaving the reception. Walking toward the door I noticed a young woman sitting by herself at a table. I walked past her but then turned around and introduced myself and asked the question, "How did you get to know Eddy?" For the next hour or so I was able to share the gift of listening.

She thanked me several times for listening to her story. I was honored to be able to stay and hear all about her family dynamics, to look at photos on her phone, and to hear the stories that went on and on.

Why, did I turn around? Was it the Holy Spirit? Or was it something that

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NEXT CLARION DEADLINE

Friday, November 12
at 4 P.M.

wgstothers2@gmail.com



Give thanks to the Lord,
For He is good. His love
endures forever.

Psalms 136:1

Listening *Continued from Page 7*

Pastor Cyndi mentioned to us at a recent Stephen Ministry meeting. Cyndi reminded us that those who come to our doorstep, at CLC/ILC, for memorial services may not be “church” people but it is an opportunity for us to show what the love of Christ is about. People are welcome here and we care about them. Love and listening are gifts we can share with those who may cross our paths each day. Jesus is our guide. Our job is to have open eyes, open ears and open hearts. Yes, listening is a gift.

Mission Quilts *Continued from Page 5*

and shipped to Lutheran World Relief in October. Many thanks to the dedicated quilters who made this possible; from making quilt tops, to sewing around the edges, spending hours assembling the quilts, and the millions of knots tied. All this happened mostly in homes during the pandemic. Thank you for the thread, material, sheets, and other items that continue to be donated for Mission Quilts; especially Thrivent through their Action Teams program that provided batting and other supplies.

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