



# The Clarion

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## Celebrating 68 years of Ministry

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**10:00 AM** - Special Bilingual worship service

**11:15 AM** - Ministry Fair and Service project. Front lawn **potluck lunch, bring a dish to share (no deserts), hot dogs & burgers provided. Invite neighbors & new people.**

**3:00 PM** - Special Concert

### *Concert Information*

As a part of the celebration on May 15, we will present a chamber music concert at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

This will feature the 8+88 Piano Trio

– Steven Gray, piano, Alyze Dreiling, violin, and Lorie Kirkell, cello. They will be joined for this program by Heather Barclay, a brilliant percussionist. The program is titled Classically Latin. It will feature Piano Trio No. 2 by the Spanish composer, Joaquin Turina, and the Argentine composer, Astor Piazzolla's Four Seasons.

The trio will expand to four players for selections by Leonard Bernstein from West Side Story and Cuban composer, Moises Simon's famous song, The Peanut Vendor (El Manisero).

## Pastor Jon's Easter Message

Luke boldly lets us know that Easter, the day of Resurrection, is not the day on which we are to say nothing.

We are here to proclaim that, just as Jesus told us he would, "Christ the Lord is risen today." That is our joy. But in our world today, filled with so many conflicting messages we also should not be surprised when people continue in the footsteps of the disciples, receiving that message as "an idle tale." We find ourselves living in a time of idle tales, that leaves us filled with many questions.

What are we to believe? What is the truth

and what is a wild conspiracy theory? Who are we to believe? It is possible that the Easter message is just one more story that is as Shakespeare writes, "a tale ... full of sound and fury signifying nothing".

As people of faith, we are challenged from the beginning to see the unexpected, and believe the impossible. God is always doing new things. Out of a formless void came light, water, dry land. From the clay on a riverbank God formed creatures in God's own image.

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# Pastor Jon's Easter Message

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The Prophet Isaiah tells us that wolves "shall live with the lamb", In Exodus the people walk through the sea on dry land and the Gospel of John tells how the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us"

Are we willing to believe that "Nothing will be impossible with God"? We see God do impossible things every day; unfortunately, too often we ignore or dismiss them. We look the other way, or we search for a plausible explanation. Often we only see that God was with us in hindsight. Easter is not the time to offer a scientific, plausible account. This is a miracle. Once again, God has done the

impossible, death had no dominion over the holy one.

Where ever we are in our heads, where ever we are in our lives, where ever our families are headed, however we celebrate Easter, joyful or terrified, facing new uncertainty or the challenge of staying afloat. We, people of faith are called to tell the story and see the unexpected and believe the impossible.

Today, amid all the challenges of life. Today, in the reality of our daily living. Today this remains our joyful proclamation: Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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## New Member Information Class

Clairemont Lutheran Church welcomes visitors to participate fully in our ministries. Our Sunday School, Bible studies and service groups are always ready to receive interested people. We would like to tell you more about our congregation and what we believe our mission to be. If you are interested in learning about a more formal relationship with our congregation, the Lutheran tradition, or basic Christian teaching please speak with Pastor Jon. Classes are now forming.

## Youth News

Sr. High Youth Group meets on the first and third Sunday of each month. That is May 1 and 15 for this month. We play games and have conversation as we discover how we can live faithfully as young adults. We are planning a white

water rafting trip for Early August. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Jon.

**Jr. High Youth Group** is in the process of regathering. It looks like we will be starting a confirmation class in the coming weeks. If you are interested, please see pastor Jon for contact information.

**Scout Pack is starting** a God and Family class with Pastor Jon. We will meet on Wednesday afternoon.

**NEXT CLARION  
DEADLINE**

**Friday, May 20**

**@ 4 P.M.**

**[wgstothers2@gmail.com](mailto:wgstothers2@gmail.com)**

# ***Don't expect a miracle...but be ready in case***

*This letter is from one of our members of Clairemont Lutheran Church. The writer expressed to his Stephen Minister that he wanted to share his experience about being a Care Receiver and how he feels about the Stephen Ministry program. This is what he shared. Gary Jaus*



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Nobody likes to feel like they need help. It's like we're subconsciously trained to be strong and deny our need for help. The truth is we've all got problems, and some have no solutions. Or maybe we don't have the solutions because of the limits of our understanding.

Kids fail in school because they'd rather do anything than ask for help. They don't want anyone, even their friends, to know they're hurting, lonely or lost. When I was young, I believed Science held all the answers or would soon discover them. That belief led to my youthful fallacy of believing that someday all our problems would be solved by math or physics when properly applied. We would live in peace, have long pain-free endless lives with full energy and suffering would be forgotten. That didn't happen.

As adults, we understand when we're beat. We have no problem running to the doctor, mechanic or plumber for answers. We know we eat food we don't grow; wear clothes we can't make and live in a house we didn't build. Yet, the reality of how desperately we need each other escapes us.

When I finally had problems that science couldn't solve, it wasn't easy for me to ask for help. I told myself I was fine and besides everybody has troubles. Besides,

I could consult a bartender who had a solution or a doctor with a prescription or therapy. But I'd heard about Stephen Ministry, a faith-based support process with no claims of fancy skills and no magic wand. Just people with open ears and caring hearts, willing to do God's work and try to ease our suffering. What sort of person decides they're going to help a stranger over and over for as long as it takes? Hour after hour, and weeks of training and meetings. All that before they ever meet their Care Receivers...before they even met me! I decided to trust CLC's trained team of professional listeners. They brainstorm my situation with their likely centuries of combined life experience and pray to God about my issues without using my name. My Stephen Minister prays to God in my name. It just doesn't get any better than that. That's the sort of person I could and did trust with my heart.

I'd tell you more, but I won't. We keep our relationship confidential. A final bit of advice. Don't expect a miracle but be ready just in case.

Thank you, Stephen Ministry. You are super-heroes and deserve a cape... mask optional.

*If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or feel like you might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the pastors or Ruth Andersen, Kathy Follmer or Gary Jaus.*



### Across the generations: One act of welcome can beget another.

The study in May will consider intergenerational relationships and what Scripture says about their importance. The various authors will share their stories and ask us to consider our own story and the places God has led us. We may be surprised by the power of relationship and hospitality to inspire change.

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

Patience Gather Bible Study, Monday, April 11, 12:30 p.m. Hostess is June Anderson

Ruth Gather Bible Study, Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m., Room 1. Bible study leader is Anna Bailey.

#### **COMING UP THIS SUMMER**

Summer 2022: Crafted in Christ — A summer of rest and renewal  
by Sarah Carson



*Bev Covey, left, Holly Timms, June Anderson, Harriett Morris display the quilters' 1,500th quilt*

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A three-session Bible study that uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community.

### List of high school and college students

Welca's list of students is not current so we need your help updating it. We send notes of encouragement and cards (and especially want to acknowledge any upcoming 2022 graduation). We need the following information: NAME (first and last), mailing ADDRESS, what GRADE

they are in (high school or college) and the NAME OF the high school or college. You can email it to (janmich6@aol.com) or write it on a piece of paper and put it in the Welca mailbox in the office. Please contact Janet Wood with any questions. Thank you.

# Following Jesus to the cross we give our all

*From Pastor Cyndi*

Jesus is risen. The Lord is Risen in deeds!

I have been thinking about what Jesus told us: Follow me.

On Sunday morning we worship God, but that is not the same as following Jesus.

When we worship God we open ourselves to the gloriousness of God. There is joy and humility as we see our smallness in comparison to God's enormity. In worship, we experience the One who loves us beyond all measure. We ponder how God is in all and through all, including me and you, and we experience ourselves as a reflection of God's gloriousness!

But to follow Jesus is different. It is more tangible.

We follow Jesus to the Jordan, where we are baptized and the Spirit claims us as a beloved child of God.

We follow Jesus to the desert, where we are tempted by all the distractions and powers this world has to offer -- things that draw us away from God.

We follow Jesus in reaching out to those

in need -- feeding those who are hungry, providing shelter, clothing, being a community that is welcoming.

We follow Jesus to Bethany -- to the tomb of Lazarus where we share the grief of those who mourn. We weep with those who are sorrowful.

We follow Jesus to the Upper Room where Jesus washes our feet and then tells us we are to wash each others feet. No work is too lowly for followers of Jesus.

We follow Jesus to the Mount of Olives, seeing what lies ahead, we pray for strength to do whatever God desires of us and not turn away.

We follow Jesus to the cross without looking away, we give our all.

In following Jesus we know that death does not have the last word as we will rise victorious.

This brings us back to Sunday morning, where we worship the One who turns weeping into joy and death into life.

Thanks be to God.

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## **Hark! The Choir**

*Practices on Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary. If you're hearing the music, follow your muse here. New members always welcome.*







# EXCUSE OUR DUST

Keep a sharp eye around the campus amid demolition and construction of the Fellowship Hall creates rumbles, noise and dust. And over at the parsonage, repairs are getting under way to make the house a home for new residents.







# Church Business



## March Financial Report:

### Income:

Budget \$40,550

Actual \$33,350

YTD \$107,498

### Expenses:

Budget \$45,124

Actual \$35,633

YTD \$112,878

### Net cash flow

Budget \$-4,574

Actual \$-2,283

YTD \$-5,380

## Mid-month Bible study

The Mid-month Bible study will meet on Wednesday, May 18. Starting at 10 AM, this session shall complete the study of Paul's letter of Philippians. In Chapter 4 of Philippians, Paul is thanking the young Philippian church for their support and faithfulness. That church has co-shared with Paul his tribulation and afflictions, and God, in turn, has fulfilled their needs. In this book, Paul has shown a heart-warming, paternalistic concern for the Philippian church.

### ***Looking Deeper at Luke***

On Mondays from 4 to 5:30 pm, Bill Fredericks and Pastor Cyndi are leading a study on the Gospel reading for the next Sunday. This meeting is on Zoom only. Email [pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org](mailto:pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org) and she'll send you the Zoom link. Hope you can join us.

## Worship Schedule for May:

We have some special stuff during worship this month, please take note.

May 1: Traditional Worship; communion offered at the altar and the Baptismal Font

May 8: Mother's Day, Celebration Worship with continuous communion. Carnations available for all the women with us in worship

May 15: 68th Anniversary Bilingual worship at 10:00. Communion offered at the altar and the Font

May 22: Celebration Worship with Table Prayer Communion Liturgy, continuous communion

May 29: Memorial weekend, Litany of reembrace of those who died in service to our country. continuous communion



## Spring (and Swing) into Spring



Free fun with the saxophone, join a quick discussion of how easy it is to play sax, health benefits, care and handling, then you will see if you can make joyful noise.



Emphasis on fun and worship God through music.

There will be no homework, practice, scale and minimal theory. All music will be big easy to read format with notes named.

No reading of actual music or previous experience required, I have never done this before so it's an adventure for us all. My name is Jeff Archer, sign up by

calling or see me after service. Thanks be to God

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# *The Clarion*

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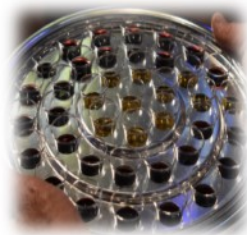
# CLC Volunteer Schedule - May 2022

## Lay Readers

May 1	Emilie Lauchmen
May 8	Bonita Martinez
May 15	Carol Nichols
May 22	Arlene Riordan
May 29	Lorri Carlsen



## Communion Assistants



May 1	Holly Boyle, Pam Allen
May 8	Carol Nichols, Rita Leatherman
May 15	Arlene Riordan, Holly Doolittle
May 22	Rita Leatherman, Pam Allen
May 29	Gary Lange, Arlene Riordan

## Welcome Teams

May 1	Pam Allen, Sandra Logan
May 8	Janet Wood, Holly Boyle
May 15	Holly Doolittle, Pam Allen
May 22	Gary Lange, Rita Leatherman
May 29	Clyde & Becky Prem



## Altar Flowers

May 1	Pamala Adams
May 8	Rita Leatherman
May 15	
May 22	Pam Allen
May 29	

### Please take a

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

## Media Teams

May 1	Lewis John TenHulzen, Jackson Snipas
May 8	Chase Dunlavey, Parker Snipas
May 15	Sydney Buchanan, Grace Doolittle
May 22	Mike Wall, Emilie Lauchmen
May 29	Lewis John TenHulzen, Jackson Snipas



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

Lewis John	TenHulzen	5/1
Bill	Fredericks	5/3
Ernie	Piper	5/4
Ann	Boivert	5/4
Rohany	Purba	5/4
Russell	Higgins	5/5
Nancy	Groesbeck	5/7
LaRae	Rabe	5/9
Kevin	Eckermann	5/10
Leonard	DeLong	5/11
Nancy	Teichert	5/12
Scott	Hove	5/14
Dottie	Engel	5/15
Ruth	Martin	5/19
Kenneth	Hanson	5/20
Katy	Jones	5/20
Anna	Hernandez	5/21
Mark	O'Connell	5/22
Sarah	Groesbeck	5/23
Diana	McCauley	5/25
Greg	Buchanan	5/28
Princess	Mora	5/30
Ashley	Stivers	5/31



Altar Guild

Pamala Adams & Rita Leatherman

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship Service 10:35am Bible study w/ Karen C 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1:30pm Rise & Shine Choir 4:30pm Youth Group 6:00pm Evening Light Service	2 10:00 am WELCA leaders 4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 5:00pm Glee Choir 6:00pm Esperanza youth Choir 6:30pm Scouts 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm AA Meeting	3 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	4 4:00pm German School 6:30pm Stephen Min.	5 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school	6 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	7 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 10:00am Centering Prayer
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<b>15 Anniversary Celebration</b> 10:00am Bilingual Service 11:15am Ministry fair 1:30pm Rise & Shine 3:00 pm Concert 6:00pm Evening Light Service	16 4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 5:00pm Glee Choir 6:00pm Esperanza choir 6:30pm Scouts 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm AA Meeting	17 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	18 10:00am Mid Month Bible Study 4:00pm German school 6:30pm Stephen Min. supervision	19 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school <b>Synod Assembly through the 28th</b>	20 <b>Clarion Due</b> 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	21 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 10:00am Centering Prayer 10:00am WELCA board meeting
22 9:30am Worship Service 10:35am Bible study w/ Pastor Jon 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1:30pm Rise & Shine 4:30 youth group 6:00pm Evening Light Service	23 4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir concert 8:00pm AA Meeting	24 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	25 4:00pm German school	26 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school 7:00pm Worship Team	27 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	28 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 10:00am Centering Prayer
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