

Pastor Jon taking 3-month sabbatical

From Clyde Prem, Church Council President

Pastor Jon was granted his request for a 3-month sabbatical at the September council meeting. His last sabbatical was in 2009 – so he is 6 years overdue for such a break! (These sabbaticals are scheduled at seven-year intervals.) The sabbatical began on September 18th, right after our God's Work, Our Hands celebration Sunday September 18th. He will return to his usual duties at Christmas. Pastor Cyndi and Vicar Elena will provide pastoral leadership and care during his absence. If you have any questions or need pastoral support, contact the church office. We pray for rest, relaxation, and renewal for Pastor Jon and his family.

Pastor Jon said: "I wish to thank the council for this opportunity to take a break after the past few years of extra stress. I hope to just relax and read few novels that do not need to be used as sermon material, and lower my golf handicap too. Pastor Cyndi has agreed to serve the church full time in my absence and you are



all in great hands. It is also an opportunity to get to know vicar Elena more deeply as well. I will back for our celebration of Lessons and Carol on December 18 and then for Christmas Eve and Day. We are, as always in God's loving hands."

We've still got a lot happening this Fall

From Pastor Cyndi

While Pastor Jon is on sabbatical, Vicar Elena and I will do our best to meet all pastoral needs. Please feel free to contact us or the church office.

That said, it's October and we've got a lot going on and are already gearing up for the holidays! A few dates to put on your

calendars:

October 2nd is WELCA Thankoffering Sunday. This service always inspires me with the love shown in over 140 quilts that were made during the year by members of Clairemont Lutheran/Iglesia Luterana Clairemont. The quilts will be on display

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Young at Heart

After 2 years, we gathered again last month for lunch, fellowship, fun and entertainment. About 35 people met at Northminster Presbyterian Church across from Clairemont Lutheran/ Iglesia Luterana on Sept. 19, and enjoyed the show by the group Script In Hand. Our next lunch (it's bring your own, by the way) will be at Northminster on Dec. 6 at 11:30 AM. See you there!



Still a lot going on this Fall

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before and after the service so you can take a closer look. Then on **October 18th** the quilts will be loaded into a semi-truck to begin their journey to people who have experienced floods, famine, wars – true hardships. These quilts are an outward and visible sign of God's love, something to hold onto as a reminder that they are remembered half a world away. Amazing!! On **October 9th** Bill Fredericks will be commissioned as a Stephen Ministry Leader.

In addition, it is also the first Iglesia Luterana Friend Raiser. In the summer, Iglesia Luterana prepared food as a fund raiser for their annual retreat. Vicar Elena enjoyed getting to know the people at the 9:30 service and thought having food between services can bring our congregations together. So on **Oct 9, Oct 30, Nov 13 and Dec 13** Iglesia Luterana will be sharing their selves and love with their food. Come, taste, meet someone new and enjoy! If you'd like to help,

contact Vicar Elena, she'd love to have you!

November 6th, All Saints Sunday, is a day when we honor those who have passed on to eternal life this year. If you have experienced a death in your family, please call the office and let Tanya know. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved one for the table in the Narthex. There will be a reception following the service to share stories and memories. On **November 13th** you are invited to the Parsonage Open House. Vicar Elena and Jorge are inviting you to visit their home to experience the fruits of all your help and labor.

November 26th join us from 1-4pm for the New Church Year's Eve reading of the Gospel of Matthew in its entirety. Matthew is the Gospel for the next Church year but each Sunday we only hear small pieces and even then, they are out of order. So come and hear the Jesus story from beginning to end. You can help us read it, too!

Advent starts **November 27th**. WOW!!

God's gift - Amor, good food and a mountain retreat

Para Vicar Elena

El amor es el don más importante Dios mostro y definió su amor por nosotros en la cruz de Cristo. 1 Juan 4:9 Doy gracias a Dios por su presencia amorosa en CLC/ILC. Ese amor se manifestó otra vez en la planeación del Retiro Bilingüe 2022. Muchas personas participaron en la recaudación de fondos "Para que nadie se quede sin ir". Muchas personas ayudaron a preparar la comida y servirla y muchas aportaron donaciones por la comida (algunos ni siquiera comieron, sino que solo donaron su dinero). ¡En solo 5 domingos recaudamos \$2350! ¡Dios está con nosotros! En 1 Juan 4:7-11 dice "A través de nuestro amor por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, demostraremos que pertenecemos a Dios y hemos nacido de nuevo".

De veras que es increíble la experiencia que vivimos cada vez que vamos, el estar allá en las montañas, lejos de todo y en compañía de nuestra familia en Cristo que quiero tanto. Todos unidos, adorando, cantando, orando, reflexionando, comiendo, bailando, etc. Pero... muchas personas de nuestra iglesia faltaron y mi oración y mi esfuerzo para el año que entra será que más personas del servicio de las 9:30 puedan

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From Vicar Elena

Love is the most important gift God showed and defined His love for us on the cross of Christ. 1 John 4:9 I thank God for his loving presence at CLC/ILC. That love manifested itself again in the planning of the 2022 Bilingual Retreat. Many people participated in the fundraiser "So that no one is left without going". Many people helped prepare the food and serve it and many contributed donations for the food (some did not even eat, but only donated their money). In just 5 Sundays we raised \$2350! God is with us!

It was also a great opportunity and a delight to be able to interact with people from the 9:30 service. I miss you and more events are already being planned so that we can be together between the Services.

In 1 John 4:7-11 it says "Through our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, we will demonstrate that we belong to God and have been born again."

It is truly incredible the experience we live every time we go, to be there in the mountains, away from everything and in the company of our family in Christ that I love so much. All united, worshiping, singing, praying, reflecting, eating,

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A few thoughts about Stewardship

From Lynn Ten Eyck

Stewardship begins very early in the Bible: In Genesis 1:26 God makes humankind in his own image to rule over Creation. Note that he did not create us to own Creation for ourselves. "Rule over" means to manage, to care for. Government is supposed to be for the benefit of the governed, not for the benefit of the governors. Throughout the Old Testament "good" rule is associated with prosperity.

In the Gospels Jesus uses Stewards (managers) in several parables. In all of them, the Steward is responsible to his Master for the results of his Stewardship. We are, by inheritance, responsible for this world. How is that working out for us? We are also told, most explicitly in the Sermon on the Mount, that we are expected to share with others and to

care for others. Stewardship gives us the resources to share, and the means by which to show that we care. Through Stewardship we nurture and expand the resources we are responsible for. Through Sharing and Caring with and for others we give them resources to work with. We pray for the right balance so that all may have basic resources to build their own lives and expand the Kingdom of God.

God's Work, Our Hands

We so much appreciate the CLC HANDS who came to our yards to hedge, weed whack, tree crop, dig a hole and plant a tree on God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Thank you.

Blessings, Kathy Reed & Ruth Andersen

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ir con nosotros.

También fue una gran oportunidad y un deleite poder interactuar con personas del servicio de las 9:30. Los extraño y ya se están planeando más eventos para poder estar juntos entre los Servicios.

Permanezcamos pues en el amor porque "Si nos amamos los unos a los otros, Dios permanece entre nosotros, y entre nosotros su amor se ha manifestado plenamente 1 Juan 4:12

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dancing, etc. But... Many people from our church were missing and my prayer and my effort for the coming year will be that more people from the 9:30 service will come with us on the retreat.

Let us therefore remain in love because "If we love one another, God abides among us, and among us his love has been fully manifested 1 John 4:12

WELCA – Thankoffering Sunday Blessing of Mission Quilts – Oct. 2nd

From Janet Wood

What is Thankoffering Sunday? It is a tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings received from God throughout the year and the women are committed to continue it. We honor it by designating a Sunday in October to collect offerings to support various ministries of WELCA.

(Blue WELCA envelopes are provided in the pews and on the tables as you enter the sanctuary.)

The Mission Quilters will display the quilts they have made during the past several months and Pastor Cyndi will bless them during the service. They are boxed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and sent throughout the world to provide warmth and love to those that receive them.

It is a beautiful site to see the quilts displayed throughout the sanctuary and thank God for all of those who have given their time and talents making them.

¿Qué es el domingo de agradecimiento? Es una tradición dar en agradecimiento por las bendiciones recibidas de Dios durante todo el año y las mujeres están comprometidas a continuarla.

Nosotros la honramos designando un domingo de octubre para recolectar ofrendas para apoyar a varios ministerios de WELCA.

(Habrá sobres azules WELCA en las bancas del santuario y en las mesas que están en la entrada).

Las misioneras de las colchas, mostrarán las colchas que han hecho durante los últimos meses y la pastora Cyndi las bendecirá durante el servicio. Se empaquetan y se enviarán a Lutheran World Relief (LWR) y después serán enviadas a todo el mundo para proporcionar calidez y amor a los que las reciban.

Será algo hermoso ver las colchas que se exhibirán en todo el santuario y agradecer a Dios por todos aquellos que han dado su tiempo y sus talentos para hacerlas.

Women of the ELCA Treasury Info for May-August

Balance on May 1	\$2242.56
Income	1031.00
Total:	3273.56

Expenses

Lions Optometric Vision Clinic (LOVC)	150.00
LWR Quilts Shipping Fund	200.00
Pacifica Welca Quarterly Offering	101.50
CLC – Mi Casa es Su Casa	200.00

CLC – Bilingual Retreat	100.00
Reimbursement memorial luncheon *	143.96
Total:	895.46
Balance	2378.10

Designated Funds

Convention	114.82
Mission Quilts	133.78
Piece & Sew *	1106.04
Total	1354.64
Actual Cash Available	1023.46

Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith

by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

From Harriet Morris

Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation.

October 2022, Session 2: "Soil," will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed; Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involve wholeness and wellness.

Focus Verse: "Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matthew 13:8)

ALL are invited to attend any of the Gather Bible study meetings:

Patience Bible Study - Monday, October 10, at 12:30 p.m. Hostess is Kathy Reed; Bible Study Leader is Karen Creusere.
Ruth Bible Study – Thursday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Bible Study

Leader is Ruth Andersen.

Sunday Bible Study – October 23 at 10:35 a.m. in the Chapel; Bible Study Leader is Ruth Andersen.

COMING EVENTS:

Thankoffering Sunday and Blessing of the Mission Quilts: Sunday, Oct 2, 9:30 a.m.

Gather Bible Study Leaders with Pastor Cyndi. Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.
Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA) Board Meetings:

Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1.

Pacifica Synodical Women's 34th Annual Convention

November 4-5, 2022

Hope Lutheran Church, Temecula CA
See Harriet Morris for more information.

Mission Quilters meet at the home of Ruth Andersen. ALL are welcome.

For information on which Saturdays and time we are quilting, contact Ruth Andersen, 858-408-5194. Come all day, for an hour or two, for lunch around Noon, or just stop by to say "Hi" and see what we do and how we are progressing.



Church Business

June, July, August



Financial Report

Income				
	Actual	Budget	Year to Date	YTD Budget
June	\$34,537	\$38,950	\$211,411	\$252,700
July	\$76,496	\$38,950	\$287,949	\$291,650
August	\$40,873	\$53,950	\$328,822	\$345,600

Expenses			
Actual	Budget	Year to Date	YTD Budget
\$42,465	\$45,625	\$240,089	\$271,446
\$40,384	\$44,500	\$280,473	\$315,945
\$34,255	\$44,150	\$314,728	\$360,095

YTD Net income \$14,094

Regular offerings and income recovered as a Summer Christmas Miracle. We went from being \$20,000 behind to being \$16,000 ahead of the budget and \$14,000 to the good YTD. We have a very committed member here at CLC and it is a blessing to be in this situation.

September Council Highlights

From John Gjerset

Council met in person this month, the first time without ZOOM assist since before the pandemic. We caught up with pastoral and committee updates. Pastor Jon will be on sabbatical until the December 18. He was happy to report good news on the budget, largely because of a generous donation from a donor. We are in the black for the first time this year.

Senior High group had a successful rafting trip this summer. Confirmation classes are starting up again.

Pastor Cyndi has been busy. A successful VBS on the go program was completed this summer—four consecutive weeks saw trips to the museums in Balboa Park.

Young at Heart (formerly Golden League) will meet quarterly at Northminster Presbyterian Church across the street. Young at Heart now is open to all ages. Northminster has been free and inviting

in sharing their facility.

Vicar Elena noted a successful bilingual retreat at El Camino Pines. More participation from attendees of both services next year is encouraged. Forty people from our congregation attended over Labor Day weekend. Preparation of Elena's endorsement essay for interview and start of internship is imminent. Committees: Stewardship has committed to promoting lasting legacy as well as annual operations.

Property noted that there is much deferred maintenance on the Sanctuary. There is a termite issue which needs to be addressed.

Budget committee is starting to plan for 2023 budget.

The nominating committee is working on establishing candidates for open positions on council beginning next year. Evangelism committee has been active—Bible distribution has been a successful operation. All Bibles have been

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

On Sunday, October 9 Bill Fredericks will be installed as a Stephen Minister leader at 9:30 and 11:30 services. He recently completed the 10 week leadership online course.

Kathy Follmer and Ruth Andersen will continue in the Stephen Minister program but not as part of the leadership team.

OCTOBER CLARION DEADLINE

Friday, October 21

@ 4 PM

wgstothers2@gmail.com

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distributed at these events on the front lawn.

Worship Committee will resume January 23.

Pastor Jon's sabbatical was approved. Lisa Pagan was approved as children's choir accompanist. Pastor Cyndi's elevation to full time during Pastor Jon's sabbatical was approved. A new contract for trash collection was approved which will save the church about 20%. A motion to return unused funds allotted from Property Reserve for parsonage renovation was approved. Mi Casa/Su Casa was very successful in renewing the parsonage. About \$23K was saved due to volunteering and a watchful eye for good values.

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Monday's Choir Schedule: 4:15 Cherub Choir 5:00pm Glee choir 6:00pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	<i>Reformation Sunday</i> October 30 <i>Wear Red to Worship</i>				1 7:00am SA 9:30am Handbell rehearsal
2 Thankoffering Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español 1:30 Rise & Shine	3 12:00pm Centering prayer 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30 Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	4 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	5 4:00pm German School 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	6 7:00am Sandwich Min. 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting	7 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	8 7:00am SA 9:30am Handbell rehearsal
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23/ 30 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship Service & Children's Choir Concert on the 23rd 11:30am Storytelling with Kids 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 1:30 Rise & Shine	24 / 31 12:00pm Centering prayer 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	25 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	26 4:00pm German School	27 7:00am Sandwich Min. 1:00pm AA Meeting	28 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	29 7:00am SA 9:30am Handbell rehearsal

CLC Volunteer Schedule - October 2022

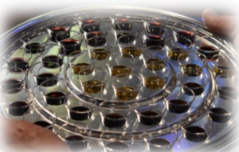
Lay Readers

Oct 2	Susan Gjeraset
Oct 9	Gary Lange
Oct 16	Emilie Lauchmen
Oct 23	Lili Munoz
Oct 30	Carol Nichols



Communion Assistants

Oct 2	Holly Boyle, Emilie Lauchmen, Rita Leatherman
Oct 9	Gary Lange, , Harriet Morris, Arlene Riordan
Oct 16	Rita Leatherman, Carol Nichols, Emilie Lauchmen
Oct 23	Arlene Riordan, Holly Boyle, Gary Lange
Oct 30	Gary Lange, Emilie Lauchmen, Harriet Morris



Welcome Team

Oct 2	Sandra Logan, Harriet Carmona
Oct 9	Rita Leatherman, Emilie Lauchmen
Oct 16	Emilie Lauchmen, Gary Lange
Oct 23	Holly Boyle, Janet Wood
Oct 30	Clyde & Becky Prem



Altar Flowers

Oct 2	Holly Boyle
Oct 9	Ruth Andersen
Oct 16	Peggy Ritchie
Oct 23	
Oct 30	LaRae Rabe

Please take a

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

Media Teams

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



Cyndi	Jones	10/1
Linda	Isley	10/2
Karen	Marohn	10/2
Daniel	Solomon	10/3
Clyde	Prem	10/3
Jeremiah	Purba	10/4
Robin	Pistelak	10/7
Leonard	Sonnenberg	10/9
Bonnie	Jackson	10/11
Betty	Black	10/11
Kurt	McCauley	10/11
Elaine	Erickson	10/11
Tim	Neal	10/11
Linda	Juengel	10/13
Barbara	Fioria	10/14
Anna	Bailey	10/14
Crystal	Reece	10/17
Ruth	Andersen	10/19
Jonathan	Doolittle	10/20
Linda	Wolfenden	10/21
Janet	Wood	10/21
Sandy	McCauley	10/22
Sandra	Higgins	10/23
Kathy	Olson	10/23
Gabriel	Morales	10/26
Arlene	Riordan	10/27
David	Jorstad	10/28
Adrian	Mendoza	10/28
Sandra	Logan	10/29
Vianney	Dotts	10/30
Lydia	Gomez	10/31



Altar Guild

Teresa Munoz

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