



The Clarion

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Share the Word

From John Procsal

This month we are asking everyone to help "Share the Word". It's simple. Included with your Clarion is a sticker that you can place on your car window. All you have to do is clean the window where you are going to put the sticker, peel the back off the sticker and place it on the window. It works best when applying the sticker to start at one side pushing the air from under the sticker as you go. Don't worry if it doesn't go on as you like we have more in the office. We also have a larger version of the sticker if you'd like a bigger one. For our Spanish-speaking members, we will have a Spanish version on the table in the narthex. So, help "Share the Word" about Christianity and Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana.

God's Work our Hands Sunday. September 18

Bilingual worship at 9:30 AM

Service projects begin at 10:15

Congregational Lunch served at 11:45

We are still putting together the service projects. If you have a special need we can help with, please contact Pastor Jon. Join in this annual day of service for the church and community.

Calling all the 'YOUNG AT HEART'

Date: September 20

Time: 11:30-1:30

New location:

North Minister Presbyterian

4324 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

Bring your own lunch. Beverages

provided-coffee, lemonade, water

Entertainment: Script-in-Hand Players

All are invited. Bring a friend!

RSVP: by September 18. Sign up sheets in the narthex and by the donut table/ or call Tanya in church office 858 273 7423.



Who Are These People? Page 2

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We're here for you

As noted in "A Friend Who Cares" by Henri Nouwen:

"When we honestly ask ourselves which

persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. A friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares."

If you have a need for "a friend" contact Gary, Ruth, or Kathy for a Stephen minister to come along side of you in your life journey.

The benefits of saying 'Yes'

From Bill Fredericks

Stephen Ministers at CLC/ILC

By the time you read this my 25 hour Stephen Minister Leader class will be ended. The ten week ZOOM class opened up to me new aspects of Stephen Minister leadership I hadn't known. I now feel ready to join the leadership team. You might already be aware of the Stephen Minister program here at CLC/ILC. You may have read about Stephen Ministers in previous Clarion articles. Perhaps you picked up a flyer. You could have noticed that Pastor Jon mentioned Stephen Ministers in his sermon a couple weeks ago, or heard a Stephen Minister share a Moment for Mission. You probably witnessed the new class of Stephen Ministers when they were

commissioned at the font several months ago.

Or---you might be one who is now receiving distinctly Christian care from a Stephen Minister who was well trained to provide you such care. As you well know, because of the confidential standard of the care, you don't stand out.

At one point you may have been one who thought that you didn't need care. You may have thought that, "others need a Stephen Minister more than I do." You might have been dealing with Illness, Loss of your job, Grief, Loneliness or any situation that would benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister; well trained to provide distinctly Christian care. You said, "YES" and here you are, gaining benefit from that care.

CLC/ILC has Stephen Ministers, well trained to provide distinctly Christian care for YOU.

Say, "YES!"



¡Gracias! No me canso de decirles gracias

Para Vicar Elena

¡Gracias, gracias, gracias! No me canso de decirles gracias pues gracias a todos ustedes, Clairemont Lutheran/Iglesia Luterana, se hizo posible el milagro para que Jorge, mi familia y yo pudiéramos tener nuestro hogar en la casa de la iglesia. Cuando veo mi hogar tan lindo veo el rostro de cada uno de ustedes que trabajaron tan arduamente y cuando veo todo renovado veo su generosidad. ¡De verdad fue un milagro! Todos fuimos testigos del amor y la bondad abundante de Dios a través de ustedes. Sinceramente veo el rostro de mi Señor Jesús en cada uno de ustedes, gracias, los quiero mucho y estaré eternamente agradecida.

Salmo 138:1-2

SEÑOR, quiero alabarte de todo corazón, y cantarte salmos delante de los dioses.
2 Quiero inclinarme hacia tu santo templo y alabar tu nombre por tu gran amor y fidelidad.

From Vicar Elena

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I do not get tired of saying thank you,

because thanks to all of you, Clairemont Lutheran / Iglesia Luterana, the miracle was made possible so that Jorge, my family and I could have our home in the parsonage. When I see my home so beautiful, I see the face of each of you who worked so hard, when I see everything renewed, I see your generosity. Truly, it was a miracle! We witnessed God's love and abundant goodness through you.

Sincerely I see my Lord Jesus's face in each of you. Thank you, I love you so much and I will be eternally grateful.

Psalms 138:1-2

1 I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness.



What A Summer!

A time to relax and slow down? Not at Clairemont Lutheran/Iglesia Luterana Clairemont!



VBS on the Go was a trip -- in fact 4 trips. Tuesday mornings children and youth boarded a school bus at church and headed to Balboa Park. We went to the Japanese Friendship Garden, the San Diego Automotive museum, the Fleet Science Center and the San Diego Air and Space museum. Lee Shigley arranged for a Thrivent Action Team grant and along with volunteers packed lunches for our group. We had a great time and are looking forward to our next adventures!



The **Women of Clairemont /Iglesia Luterana Clairemont**, showered Ashley and Kenneth Henderson with many needed items as they prepared to bring Sam into the world. Samantha Henderson was born on August 21st, 7 lbs, 9 ounces. A big Thank You to Pam Allen and Janet Wood for organizing this wonderful event and for all the women who shared in this way of blessing Ashley and Kenneth.





The Youth Group went on a 3-day river rafting trip with Whitewater Voyages in Kernville in Northern California. They all returned to us safely!



Wednesday Evening Dinners at the Beach were well attended and a wonderful way to get together and share great food -- planked salmon, Phil's Bar B Que, Kentucky Fried chicken, great salads straight from members' gardens, and the desserts, wow! Lewis and



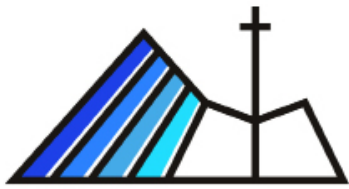
Lewis John TenHulzen arranged for our



traditional Flag retirement ceremonies, the Evangelism team gave away free Bibles, and we had communion at the water's edge, a new addition to our evenings. You're invited to join us next year.



Alas. it wasn't all play and no work. But it didn't seem all that hard work as a group of volunteers cleaned up and painted the parking lot fence. A great improvement and kudos galore to the dedicated workers!



Church Business



July Financial Report:

Income:

Budget 38,950 Actual \$76,424 YTD budget \$291,650 YTD actual: \$287,877

Expenses:

Budget \$44,499 Actual \$29,126 YTD budget \$315,945 YTD actual: \$269,215

We continue to celebrate our generous attitude for our positive financial situation. God continues to be known in the ministry of Clairemont Lutheran Church.

July Council Meeting Highlights

From John Gjerset

Building Update: Review of subcontractors and evaluation of value engineering proceeds. A consolidated estimate is due soon and the official awarding of the contract will follow. Actual building commencement is projected to be late August to right after Labor Day.

Income is lower than we need. There have been vacancies of late in the rentals, and Lorri is looking into cost saving measures with our vendors, including changing vendors. We are \$29K in the hole as of June. Pastor Jon noted that we are 3% lower on income than last year, so we are not in crisis, but we need to be vigilant. Last month saw theft of janitorial supplies. New security measures are being explored.

Bilingual Retreat will happen over Labor Day weekend. All should consider attending. It's a great time and great for bonding our congregation. Vicar Elena will preside for our congregation. A multi week fundraiser on Sundays to help fund

the Retreat was approved.

VBS On-The-Go is going forward: Four consecutive Tuesdays beginning July 19. The event will include field trips to Balboa Park's various museums and lunch. Pastor Cyndi is heading this up. The Evangelism Committee has distributed Bibles and window stickers. These have been successful outreach events.

The Parsonage renovation has reached completion. There have been significant savings due to the diligence of volunteers and smart shopping. Open house is being planned for a time to be set in October. Vicar Elena and Jorge moved in prior to completion.

The ongoing work to bring accountability for the theft has moved to the next phase. Audit has been completed and reviewed for 2021. Probable criminal charges are in the future. The Police are doing their work.



Seeing Creation as our kindred

Fall 2022: Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith

by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

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.

September 2022, Session 1: "Trees," will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.

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



Patience Bible Study - Monday, September 11, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1, Bible Study Leader is Pastor Cyndi.

Ruth Bible Study – Thursday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Bible Study Leader is Janet Wood.

Sunday Bible Study – September 25 at 10:35 a.m. in the Chapel.

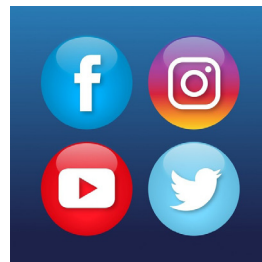
Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA) Board Meetings: Saturday, September 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1.

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.

**OCTOBER
CLARION DEADLINE
Monday, September 19
@ 4 PM
wgstothers2@gmail.com**



Getting the Word Out

Social Media is an important means for us to reach both members and new visitors. We regularly post information and updates as well as share worship pictures and live feed sermons. Please check out our Web site (clairemontlc.org), like us on Facebook and You Tube, follow our Twitter feed and read our Instagram story. Tell your friends to find us too.

And put the enclosed sticker on your window, too!



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CLC Volunteer Schedule - September 2022

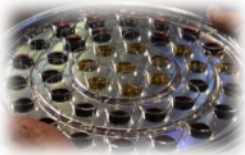
Lay Readers

Sept 4	Bev Covey
Sept 11	Karen Creusere
Sept 18	Holly Doolittle
Sept 25	Bill Fredericks



Communion Assistants

Sept 4	Holly Boyle, Holly Doolittle
Sept 11	Emilie Lauchmen, Gary Lange
Sept 18	Arlene Riordan Carol Nichols
Sept 25	Harriet Carmona, Rita Leatherman



Welcome Team

Sept 4	Sandra Logan, Harriet Carmona
Sept 11	Rita Leatherman, Holly Doolittle
Sept 18	Emilie Lauchmen, Gary Lange
Sept 25	Holly Boyle, Janet Wood



Altar Flowers

Sept 4	Gary Lange
Sept 11	Rita Leatherman
Sept 18	Bev Covey
Sept 25	Harriet Carmona

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

Media Teams

Sept 4	Lewis John TenHulzen, Jackson Snipas
Sept 11	Chase Dunlavey, Parker Snipas
Sept 18	Sydney Buchanan, Grace Doolittle
Sept 25	Mike Wall, Emilie Lauchmen



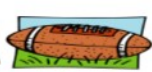
Lana	Neuman	9/3
Laura	Garcia	9/5
Debra	Pursel	9/10
David	Olson	9/12
Kimberly	Leatherman	9/12
Giselle	Mendoza	9/13
MariChuy	Valentan	9/13
Joanie	Maske	9/13
Terry	Beckmyer	9/17
Manfred	Dittmann	9/17
Becky	Prem	9/20
Clohe	Balderrama	9/20
Mary Jo	Flattum	9/21
Lewis	TenHulzen	9/22
Leslie	Timms	9/22
Elsie	Brady	9/25
Maria	Medrano	9/28




Altar Guild
Rita Leatherman

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

September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Monday's Choir Schedule starting the 12th: 5:00pm Glee choir 6:00pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir			1 7:00am Sandwich Min. 10:00am Morningstar 1:00pm AA Meeting	2 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	3 7:00am SA
4 9:30am Worship Service 10:35am Stephen Min. supervision 11:00am Confirmation class	5 office Closed 	6 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	7 4:00pm German School 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	8 7:00am Sandwich Min. 10:00am Ruth's Bible Study rm. 1 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German School	9 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	10 7:00am SA 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal
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