

# The Clarion

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# Holy Week and Easter Morning schedule

Palm Sunday -April 10 9:30 worship service Palm decorations and crosses with choir and children's choirs.

Maundy Thursday - April 14 services at Noon and 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar The story of the Last Supper

Good Friday - April 15

Noon Service of Darkness: hymns and lessons on the Passion of Jesus

7:00 p.m. Service: The Tenebre' featuring our Sanctuary and Bell Choirs

Holy Saturday - April 16
Centering Prayer 10:00 am
A service of prayer and preparation

for the Resurrection

Easter Sunday - April 17

The Resurrection and the Empty tomb;

Mary's witness for the world.

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Celebration

Worship on the front lawn to commemorate the empty tomb.

9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Worship Festival Brass with Timpani and Choir

11:30 a.m. Worship in Spanish Special Music and Timpani



# God is always working on our behalf

From Pastor Jon

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 38,39

The eighth chapter of Romans includes some of the most familiar and comforting words we have from the apostle Paul. We need to hear them in times of sorrow and joy.

Nearly every sentence is a new way of stating the promise that God has not abandoned us, and is working for God's people, across the past, present, and future. God is always working on our behalf. Always using love to drive out fear.

There are so many ways that our lives testify to the truth as to how the past and present have been arenas of God's action on our behalf. Our own lives are a reflection of God's sustaining presence. If that is true then so is God's promise to sustain us into the future. Paul has the immediate future in mind, that time between now and when we experience the glory that is about to be revealed to us.

In this time hardship remains for those in Christ. We know too well that being faithful does not mean life is a rose garden, even roses have thorns. Paul writes that "We are more than conquerors." We do more than just endure each day. We are more than Stoics who endure and are eventually

only rewarded with relief. We, as believers, do not ignore suffering because it has no effect on our true self, but rather we see in the suffering of Christ the full involvement of the true self of God and of Christ in and for the world.

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God and Christ are fully involved in suffering and involved in our reality "in and for the world." What's more, because of God's faithfulness in raising Jesus from the dead, both the present experience of suffering and what we can expect of the future are transformed. We not only know God's solidarity with us now but also anticipate a time when even the worst that the powers of Sin and Death have to offer will be shown to be a "slight momentary affliction" when compared with the "glory about to be revealed to us".

Without the future hope, God's present involvement in the lives of the suffering might amount to little more than a feeble expression of the company that misery loves. Together, the actions of God (past, present, and future) on our behalf testify to a fierce, compassionate love from which nothing in all creation can separate us. For us as Christians we know that God's perfect love for us casts out any fear that may overwhelm. God's love always casts out fear.

NEXT CLARION

DEADLINE

Tuesday, April 19

@ 4 P.M.

wgstothers2@gmail.com

# Motiva el Amor

One more year of seminary, relying on Jesus and the love and respect that is among us.

#### Para Vicar Elena

Parece increíble que ya solo me falta un año para terminar mis estudios en el seminario, los últimos dos años han sido difíciles para mí con el trabajo y la escuela. Pero de una cosa estoy segura y es que sé que, aunque es verdad que soy débil y que no soy capaz de hacer nada por mí misma (sobre todo después de cada lucha, adversidad y pruebas en la vida) también sé que Jesucristo es mi roca y mi fortaleza. Y que solo tengo que entregarle todo a él para salir adelante victoriosa, fuerte y segura y compartiendo el amor de Dios con los demás. Mis motivaciones: La iglesia, mi familia en Cristo, me motiva el amor, la comprensión, el perdón, el apoyo y el respeto que hay entre nosotros. Que estamos centrados en la alabanza y adoración a Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Que nos reunimos para adorar a Dios, cantando, orando por el pueblo de Dios, por el mundo y por todos los necesitados. Y me motiva el saber que somos enviados al mundo para llevar las buenas nuevas del Evangelio reflejando el amor, la misericordia y la gracia de Cristo a través de nosotros.



#### From Vicar Elena

It seems incredible that I only have one year left to finish my studies in seminary. The last two years have been difficult for me with work and school. But of one thing I am sure, and that is that it is true that I am weak and that I am not capable of anything by myself (especially after every struggle, adversity and trials in life). At the same time I know that Jesus Christ is my rock and my strength. And that I just have to give all to him to get ahead victorious, strong and safe and sharing God's love, with others.

My motivations: The church, my family in Christ. I am motivated by the love, understanding, forgiveness, support, and respect that is among us. That we are focused on the praise and worship of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That we gather to worship God, singing and praying for God's people, for the world, and for those in need.

And I am motivated to know that we are sent into the world to bring the good news of the Gospel reflecting the love, mercy, and grace of Christ through us.

# Amid the clamor, listening for God in the silence

From Pastor Cyndi

The end is near, of Lent that is. We have been wandering in the wilderness for 40 days. Have we seen or heard or felt God's presence? With so much going on in the world around us, it can be difficult to hear God's still small voice calling to us through all the clamor and clutter.

A few brave souls have been gathering on Saturday mornings at 10 am to shut out the noise of the world and to just be with God for a few moments.

At first, I questioned, "Can I sit in silence for 20 minutes?" And now I know everything goes better because of that short dedicated time with God.

"But hey," you say, "God is present everywhere, all the time, I can talk to God whenever I want." Yes, that is true. But do you listen for God? This dedicated time of silence tells God that we are here, waiting for him, we are listening for him and to him. And if we are not listening for God --how do we know where we are headed?

There's a story of two disciples who were headed home after the crucifixion. As they walked a stranger came along and walked with them. When they came near their home, they invited the stranger to stay with them and have dinner. When the stranger broke the bread, their eyes were opened and they saw the Lord.

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There is a prayer that Thomas Merton prayed that helped him along the way. I hope it helps you on your journey, too.

The Merton Prayer

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

"I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." AMEN.

# Mid-month Bible study continues April 20

We continue our study of Philippians with a look at chapter 3. Here Paul warns the young Philippian church about false teachers. There were Paul lookalikes who were anxious to establish other assemblies of people in Paul's absence. They were preaching untruths and confusing the people. Let's see what Paul advised the Philippians church (and perhaps us!).

## 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 and she'll send you the Zoom link. Hope you can join us.



# GATHER MAGAZINE BIBLE STUDY

# The Kingdom of God by the Rev. Mark Allan Powell

## Session 4: Living forever with God

Most of the time that Jesus talks about the kingdom of God or eternal life, he is referring to something we experience here and now—not later in heaven.

But sometimes, he does talk about that future life and in this final session we will learn as much as we can about "the glory that awaits us." What will it be like to be perfect people in a perfect world, living forever with God and one another?

Focus Verse: "I consider that the

sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18

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

Patience Gather Bible Study, Monday, April 11, 12:30 p.m. Hostess is Ruth Andersen; Bible study leader is Linda Ten Eyck.

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

# 211 - A Valuable Resource for Everyone

#### From Ruth Andersen

Call 211 to talk to a live person to get connected to community resources:

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- --Informacion de Salad
- --Servicios de Apoyo en Desastres
- --Servicios de Vivienday Refugios
- --Reportes de Datos Comunitarios

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# **Church Business**



## **February Financial Report:**

Income: YTD

Budget \$46,418 Actual \$74,099

**Expenses:** 

Budget \$38,700 Actual \$77,244

God's Vision, Nuestra Mision - Building fund

February: \$2,502 YTD: \$3,983

While the past two years have been difficult, God is Good. Overall we continue to be blessed by generous givers who maintain our vibrant ministry at Clairemont Lutheran. Thank you.

## Informe del Grupo de Trabajo Financiero (también conocido como Barn Door Committee)

Los pasos que el Consejo y el personal oficinista han tomado para cambiar la forma en que se manejan los fondos de la iglesia son, en gran medida, invisibles para la congregación, por lo que puede parecer que ocurren pocos cambios, pero sí se están haciendo cambios. Las ofrendas serán tomadas inmediatamente después del servicio por equipos de dos personas y serán colocadas en una caja de seguridad con dos llaves que estará atornillada a una pared. La llave #1 está en manos del personal oficinista, la llave #2 la mantendrán los miembros del consejo. Ambas llaves deben estar presentes para abrir la caja.

Cualquier persona que entregue dinero en efectivo o cheques a la oficina durante la semana para el alquiler de la Continued on Page 7

# Financial Task Force Report (aka, the Barn Door Committee)

Steps that the Council and office staff have taken to change procedures are largely invisible to the congregation so there may seem to be little visible change in the way church funds are being handled, but changes are being made.

Offerings will be promptly taken after service by teams of two people and placed in a newly installed two-key lock box bolted to a wall. Key #1 is held by office staff, key #2 by council members. Both must be present to open the box. Anyone bringing cash or checks into the office during the week for meeting room rental, flowers, etc., must be given a printed receipt and a copy attached to the check or cash envelope and stored in the lock box until Sheri, our accountant, can process them for deposit. Anyone requesting reimbursement must bring original receipts into the office, and

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sala de reuniones, flores, etc., deberá obtener un recibo impreso. Se adjuntará una copia del recibo al sobre del cheque o efectivo, y estos serán guardados en la caja de seguridad hasta que Sheri (nuestra contadora) pueda procesarlos para ser depositados. Cualquier persona que solicite un reembolso deberá llevar los recibos originales a la oficina y llenar de manera legible un formulario que detalle el propósito del reembolso.

Los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo que firman cheques (cada cheque requiere dos firmas) deben escribir sus iniciales en un formulario para cada cheque, y el pastor Jon también escribe sus iniciales en este formulario. Cada mes, el tesorero revisará los estados de cuenta bancarios y de la tarjeta de crédito, remitiendo cualquier pregunta o discrepancia no resuelta al Comité Ejecutivo y al Consejo para que tomen medidas.

Nuestra siguiente tarea es definir y anotar los deberes del tesorero, e investigar la manera de obtener un bono de fidelidad para cubrir actos financieros deshonestos adaptados a organizaciones sin fines de lucro que cubran a las oficinas (no a los individuos) los acomodadores, los que cuentan, el contador, el comité ejecutivo, los pastores y los vicarios involucrados; cualquier persona que maneje o pueda estar manejando fondos.

Debemos llevar a cabo auditorías anuales. Debemos comenzar el proceso de presupuestación en octubre del año en curso para el siguiente año para que podamos tener un plan en marcha antes

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legibly fill out a form detailing what the reimbursement is for.

**Executive Committee members who** sign checks (each check requires two signatures) must initial a form for each check - and Pr. Jon also initials this form. The treasurer reviews the credit card and bank statements every month, referring any unresolved questions or discrepancies to the Executive Committee and Council for action. Our next task is to define and write out the duties of the treasurer, and investigate obtaining a fidelity bond to cover dishonest financial acts tailored to non-profits that covers the offices, not the individuals, involved ushers, counters, accountant, the executive committee, pastors, & vicars – anyone that does or might be handling funds.

We must hold yearly audits. We must begin the budgeting process in October of the current year for the coming year so we can have a plan in place before the end of the current year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of us; Emilie Lauchmen, Kathy Reed, John Gjerset, Rodolfo Valentan, or Lorri Carlsen – we welcome your input!

de que finalice el año en curso. Si tiene alguna pregunta o sugerencia, póngase en contacto con uno de nosotros: Emilie Lauchmen, Kathy Reed, John Gjerset, Rodolfo Valentan o Lorri Carlsen... ¡agradecemos sus opiniones!

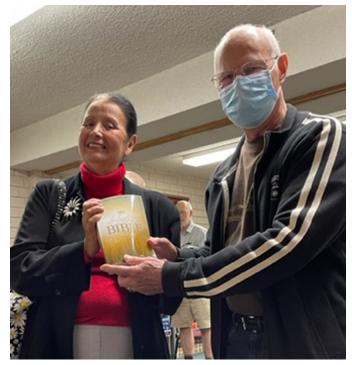
# **CLC Standing Committees and Church Helpers**

"We are not an organization of volunteers, but an organization of people called to serve."

That quote came from Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin who currently serves St. Luke Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, NM. We need you to serve on various committees or ministries in order to be vital as a congregation.

The list of committees includes:

Hospitality, Worship, Evangelism, Stewardship, Children's Ministry, Adult Education, Youth Ministry, Properties and Social Action. More detailed information will be coming your way during March and April. In the meantime, please think and pray about how you could use your time and talents.



Sandra Logan receives the first Bible from John Procsal in a new initiative of the Evangelism Committee.

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## **CLC Volunteer Schedule - April 2022**

#### **Lay Readers**

April 3 Bill Fredericks

April 10 Susan Gjerset

April 17

April 24 Gary Lange



#### Communion Assistants



April 3	Holly Doolittle, Rita Leatherman		
April 10	Emilie Lauchmen, Gary Lange		
April 17	Carol Nichols, Harriet Carmona		
April 24	Arlene Riordon, Pam Allen		

#### **Welcome Teams**

April 3	Janet Wood, Sandra Logan			
April 10	Pam Allen, Rita Leatherman			
April 17	Holly Doolittle, Emilie Lauchmen			
April 24	Harriet Carmona, Gary Lange			



#### **Altar Flowers**

April 3	Itha Yost
April 10	Evelyn Salvog
April 17	LaRae Rabe
April 24	Bev Covey

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

#### **Media Teams**

April 3	Lewis John TenHulzen, Jackson Snipas				
April 10	Chase Dunlavey, Parker Snipas				
April 17	Sydney Buchanan, Grace Doolittle				
April 24	Mike Wall, Emilie Lauchmen				



#### **Altar Guild**

Peggy Ritchie



Esperanza	Cordova	4/1		
Gavin	Boisvert	4/2		
Jorge	Enriquez	4/3		
Jonah	Doolittle	4/3		
Abril	Ayala	4/3		
Rose	Eckermann	4/4		
Kynley	Flax	4/4		
Victor	Groesbeck	4/6		
lvan	Mendoza	4/8		
Evelyn	Salvog	4/10		
Trevor	Eckermann	4/10		
Verena	Conn	4/12		
Roger	Kifer	4/13		
Rodolfo	Valentan	4/13		
Carol	Nichols	4/14		
Riley	Kifer	4/15		
Donna	Sauer	4/16		
Marlon	Valentan	4/17		
John	Procsal	4/19		
Laura	Wilfong	4/20		
Kathleen	Follmer	4/20		
Barbara	Coolong	4/22		
Robert	Constantine	4/23		
Katy	Neal	4/24		
Maryland	Mayer	4/25		
Rachel	Thomas	4/25		
Bev	Covey	4/25		
Rowena	Beckmyer	4/26		
Francisco	Plascencia	4/27		
Jack	Volkmann	4/28		
Camila	Kilpatrick	4/28		
Sibyl	Miller	4/29		
Tyler Carole	Eckermann	4/29 4/30		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	2 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 10:00am Center- ing Prayer
3 9:30am Worship Service 10:35 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	4 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	5 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30 Evangelism Team 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	6 12:00pm Service 4:00pm German School 6:00pm Holden evening Prayer 6:30pm Stephen Min.	7 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm German school	8 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	9 7:00am SA 7:30am Men's group 9:30am Bells 10:00am Center- ing Prayer
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