

Christ Lutheran Church & School

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May 2022

Where Tradition and
Tomorrow Meet



*For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.
Psalm 50:10-11*

Ukraine

The crisis occurring today in the Ukraine is not the first crisis faced by Ukrainian citizens. In 1932 and 1933, they suffered the “Holodomor” or Great Famine that killed 3 ½ - 5 million people. A new book in the church library called “The Last Green Valley” describes the struggles of a Ukrainian family of German descent, the Martel family. They feared both Nazi troops and Stalin’s troops, German transport trains and Russian transport trains. They watched as Stalin’s troops came and took their grain, even as they were starving. The faith of this German Lutheran family was challenged. One character kept her faith throughout, another lost his faith, only to find it again. This is an inspiring story. If you wish to help, designate a check to Ukrainian Relief and place in the collection plate.

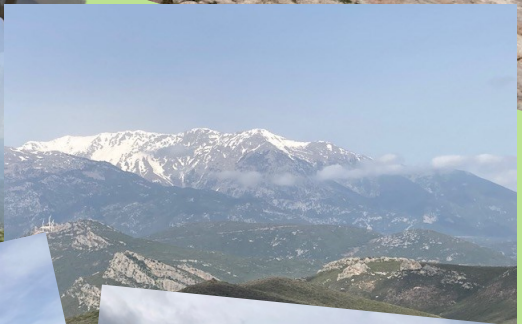
Vacation Pics from the Pastor!



Athens



Delphi



Picnic by the Sea



Santorini



Montenegro



On our way to Amsterdam for the final part of our trip—it has gone by so quickly but a very blessed time! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Pastor Thom



A Note from Shirley

Hi Christ Lutheran Church!

What a beautiful Easter season this has been. Starting with the Wednesday night Lenten services and ending with Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway during this busy season. Thank you to Pastor David Berkedal for your inspired messages during Holy Week. And a very special thank you to our very own C.O.G. of S.W.A.G. for a very special Good Friday Service. Thank you also goes to Pastor David Herrig for being with us on three Sundays.

Hope everyone has enjoyed hearing the organ again as much as I have. We are indeed blessed to have Nightingale as a member of our musical team. Thank you Christina and the Praise Band and the Brass Quartet for the awesome music Easter Sunday. The hymnals, which were removed for Covid related reasons, will be back in the pews by May 8. In case you weren't at church when it was announced, our extremely talented Music Director, Christina, is part of a chorale group that won a Grammy! Not many churches can say their Music Director is a Grammy winner. Congratulations Christina!!!

And welcome back to Pastor Thom Johnson. Hope you and your wife enjoyed your vacation! We are very glad to have you back with us.

The annual Synod Assembly is on June 11 this year. It is both the Lutheran Center in Glendale and online. As a congregation, two adult representatives and one youth representative. If you in attending the assembly, please let me know by May 8 as we the registration into the Synod.

Please continue to keep our Call Committee in your prayers as the search for a new pastor. We have been through some in the past couple of years but it is our faith that has seen us the different trials. It is because of this faith that I believe God has a very special person already picked out to be our new pastor. Let's be patient and allow God to show us the path we need to take.

God's blessings to each of you and your families and I'll see you in Church.

Shirley



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!**

**SATURDAY
MAY 14TH**

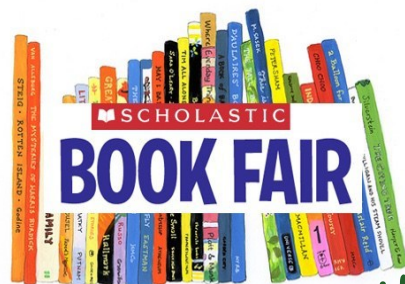
As letter carriers deliver mail that day, they will collect bags of food left by mail, returning them to the post office. The **Action Food Pantry** will receive ALL the food received by the La Puente Post Office. The Action Food Pantry received nearly 42 tons of food from the La Puente Post Office in 2019. We need at least 60 people on that Saturday to help collect and store the food we will receive. We will need an additional 40 people to finish the job on Sunday, May 15. Please see the following for specific details.

The La Puente Post Office docks: On Saturday, we need at least 20 people from 3:00 pm until the last letter carrier comes in, and the dock is cleared of all food, usually about 9:00 pm. We will be loading all the food into trucks to be driven back to the food pantry. This job can get pretty intense towards the end of the day. But with enough help, we should be able to work pretty efficiently. As soon as the dock is cleaned up, this crew is done.

The Action Food Pantry on the campus of Grace Lutheran Church, Covina: On Saturday, we need an additional 40 people to unload the trucks that bring food from the post office to the food pantry, sort and organize the for storage. Canned food will be crated for storage at our storage facility, all other food items will be stored at the food pantry. This crew will work from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The Action Food Pantry on the campus of Grace Lutheran Church, Covina: On Sunday, we need 40 people from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm to unload, sort and store non-canned food from the last truck to be loaded at the post office. Cans will either be crated at the food pantry and transferred to our storage facility, or simply unloaded and crated at the storage facility by 20 people transferring to the storage facility. We must be out of the storage facility by 7:00 pm.

*I've done this in the past with my kids! Take it from me,
this is a very rewarding experience! Karen Mora*



May 23rd-27th



THE 10TH ANNUAL BONHOEFFER FESTIVAL

Hosted by and located at: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1700 N. Towne Ave., Claremont, CA.

Thursday May 12th 2022

Theme: “Jesus as a Moral Stranger: A Conversation about the Jesus we (might) know” **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Reggie Williams Professor of Christian Ethics, McCormick Seminary, Chicago.

Author: Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus, revised ed. 2021.

Sponsored by: Thrivent Financial, Southwest Calif. Synod (ELCA) Pacifica Synod (ELCA) & Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Claremont

Schedule: 12:30pm Commemorative Lunch in honor of Dr. Glen Stassen

1:30pm Program: Keynote Presentation: Dr. Williams “Jesus as a Moral Stranger: A Conversation about the Jesus we (might) know”

2:45pm Panel Discussion/Q & A - led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson

Respondents: Rev. Lara Martin and Rev. Rene Martin, Rabbi Zev-Hayyim Feyer, Rehana Morjood

3:30pm Reception/Table Talk at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall Free and Open to Public (Donations are appreciated)

“If I experience freedom from oppression but my brothers and sisters in Christ or my neighbors do not, my freedom is but a mirage.”

–Dietrich Bonhoeffer
1906-1945



Please RSVP to:

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**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

June 6-10, 2022

9:00 a.m.—Noon

*Planning Meeting
Monday May 9th
6pm
Nelson Hall*

Registration is Now Open

**Cost: \$25 per child;
\$60 maximum per family
\$30 per child if registering after May 27th.
(Make checks out to Christ Lutheran Church)**

Any questions contact Jennifer at:

Text/Message 909-969-4966 or jenn@clcwc.com

Want to help?

Get your name on the list!



<i>Lauren Barajas</i>	1
<i>Lei Ge</i>	2
<i>Georgia Miller</i>	7
<i>Harold Hannemann</i>	8
<i>Jeff Egbert</i>	9
<i>Kay Piotrowski</i>	10
<i>Diane Mittelstaedt</i>	12
<i>Fran Broer</i>	13
<i>John Hartman</i>	13
<i>Karen Mora</i>	13
<i>Dennis Barta</i>	14
<i>Brooklyn Haislip</i>	16
<i>Nauman Azariah</i>	18
<i>Cora Arnold</i>	19
<i>Dorothy Bacon</i>	20
<i>Amelia Dominguez</i>	20
<i>Nancy Dege</i>	22
<i>Laura McDonald</i>	27
<i>Louise Petry</i>	27

<i>Oscar & Lorena Gutierrez</i>	4
<i>Dennis & Lois Barta</i>	4
<i>Patra & Michael Melstrom</i>	8
<i>Joseph & Gertie Selcho</i>	23
<i>Gerald & Malinda Wisz</i>	28

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June 2022 CLC Newsletter Deadline

May 20th at 9:00 a.m.

SUN May 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 9:30am CHURCH-Sunday Service	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS	5:30pm Jr. S.W.A.G.	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS 8:45am - 1:30pm NH - PTF Mtg	Cinco de Mayo 7:30am WR-Men's Bible Study 8:30am - 10am CHURCH CLS Chapel 6:30pm Sr. S.W.A.G. 7pm CLS Open House	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS 10am WR - Stephen Ministry	
Mother's Day 9:30am Pastor Thom Returns 9:30am CHURCH-Sunday Service	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS 5pm NH - VBS Planning Mtg	5:30pm Jr. S.W.A.G. 6:30pm LIB - Church Council Mtg	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS 9:30am NH - Blanket Buddies	7:30am WR-Men's Bible Study 8:30am - 10am CHURCH CLS Chapel 6:30pm Sr. S.W.A.G.	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS	9:30am First Communion Class 2:30pm Post Office Food Drive
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9:30am CHURCH-Sunday Service	Memorial Day Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS	5:30pm Jr. S.W.A.G.	First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS	7:30am WR-Men's Bible Study 8:30am - 10am CHURCH CLS Chapel 6:30pm Sr. S.W.A.G.	Sam LIBRARY 8-4pm - CLS 10am WR - Stephen Ministry	