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Community News



Dear CLC Church Family,

The first Sunday we were not all able to be together in worship I shared a message that I hope is still resonating with you.

“The Lord is with you. You are not alone.”

“The Lord is our Good Shepherd. Be not afraid.”

I am greatly encouraged to read that our video worship services have been meaningful to so many (even friends and neighbors near and far). God is using this opportunity to help us reach out with the love of Christ. Here are just a few

comments I've received:

I really loved the service today, I laughed, I cried and most of all I needed this! I feel God's presence and I feel the presence all of our CLC Family. I have no doubt God brought my family to CLC and I really appreciate you keeping us connected in faith.

THANK YOU to the whole worship team for today's service. The filming was first class and the message came through in word and song. You brought the Word of God to a needy congregation and a needy world.

Thank you for such a beautiful service this morning--a beautiful message filled with faith and hope.

Peace to you! Such reassuring words this morning. God's arms will surround us !!!!

We are in this together! As we sang last Sunday, “We are the church, the body of our Lord. We are all God’s children. We have been restored.”

I miss you all! But please know I am here. God is here. And we will be back together soon!

In the meantime, Josiah and I will be available each day at our church number 858-0307. Please, and I mean this, don’t hesitate one second if there is anything at all we can do to encourage you or help you through this time

Drawing on the deep resources of our faith. Hope in the Lord. Spend any anxious moments by turning to God’s Word and prayer. God will draw near. God will provide.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Stay calm, keep praying, and trust in the Lord’s presence among us,

Pastor Marty

Ways We Can Stay Connected

Sunday Worship

Following the best medical advice to prevent the spread of the corona virus **we have suspended all in-person church activities and worship services until further notice.**

Sunday Worship Video

We are recording a worship service for each Sunday and making it available through our YouTube channel which you can find at the top/right of our church website: <https://clcrsm.org/>

You can also find it on YouTube by entering in the search bar: Community Lutheran Church, RSM. Look for the "Taking Faith Home" bulletin insert at the bottom of each CLC email.

Pastoral Care

If you need pastoral care please let us know by calling the church office 858-0307 or Pastor Marty at 949-633-7137. We can connect by phone, video, or in person (with social distancing). Josiah is also making phone calls, is available for calls, and is connecting with our youth through social media platforms, and sending spiritual resources for families to use together at home.

CLC Delivery Team

If you or a neighbor needs help getting supplies from the store, medication, or other basic needs please call the church office 858-0307. We have a team of CLC members ready to deliver to your door.

Prayer Requests

Please send any prayer requests for our CLC Prayer Team to pastormartyclcrsm@gmail.com

Offerings

We know that some are experiencing financial hardship and have suspended giving and we are already putting together a team to bring assistance and support to those in need. For those who have been blessed and are able to continue giving of your time, talents, and financial resources -- thank you! God provides, through your gifts, the continued presence of the CLC Church family reaching out in love, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

In this time of need, there are many ways we can help our community. You can donate your time to deliver groceries or medications to those who may be homebound. You can make phone calls to check on congregation members or neighbors, you can volunteer at the RSM Cares Food Pantry or a homeless shelter, and of course, if you are able, financial donations are needed to continue our ministries in the community. Here are some options for donating:

1. You can write a check and mail it to us (Community Lutheran Church, 30322 Via Con Dios, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688).
2. You can give online through the website, clcrsm.org. There is a link at the bottom of the page which says, "Give Online". You can do a one-time donation or setup a recurring donation.
3. You can give with your phone using the Give Plus App. Just go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Give+". You can do a one-time donation or setup a recurring donation.
4. You can text an offering donation to 855-949-0112. The first time you do this, you'll get a text back prompting you to enter your name and credit card number.
5. You can do a Zelle transfer through your online banking website. When adding the church as a payee, just enter our email address: clcrsm@clcrsm.org

If you need any assistance with any of these methods, please contact Tracy at treasurerclcrsm@gmail.com or call her at 949-697-0355.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

CLC Lenten Projects 2020

RSM Cares Food Pantry



And the King will answer them,
'I assure you: Whatever you did for
one of the least of these brothers of
Mine, you did for Me.'

Matthew 25:40

Dear CLC members of the body of Christ,

This Lenten season please consider donating
to this loving project. The Lord calls us to
help our brothers and sisters in their time of
need. So, let us rise and feed the hungry!

Non-Perishable Items needed:

CANNED FOOD: soup, beans, vegetables, Pasta sauce, tuna, chicken

DRY FOODS: beans, rice, pasta, cereal, ramen, mac & cheese

JARS OF FOOD: peanut butter, jelly

Money donations to buy food from second harvest. For example: 48 cans of tuna cost 6 cents a can. This is where all the fresh produce and meats are bought for substantially less than retail.

Thank you and God Bless for considering our Neighbors in need.

Kathleen Smith

CLC member of the body of Christ

Baja Missions Lenten Project



Door of Faith Orphanage is in need of plates, bowls, cups and flatware for the children's daily use. What they are currently using is a hodge podge of plastic plates and bowls collected over the years. Most of what they have is badly worn and/or chipped. One of their vans is also in need of tires.

Siloé is in need of yoga mats for their morning exercise classes and volleyballs for their Bible study and volleyball afternoons.

Please consider donating toward the DOFO dishes and cups and tire project. We have created an Amazon Smile Wishlist to make purchasing for Door of Faith Orphanage easy. Lookup on this Amazon Wishlist link <http://bit.ly/dofolentproject> to order what we would like to donate to Door of Faith.



You may purchase yoga mats and volleyballs to donate as well. Any monetary donations can go toward new van tires.



March 2020 Council Meeting Highlights

The March 2020 CLC Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 25. Highlights from the meeting included:

- Since in-person church worship services have been suspended until further notice, services are available through our YouTube channel which you can find at the top/right of our church website.
- If you or anyone needs pastoral care or in need of help getting supplies or medications from the store, please call the church office at (949) 858-0307.
- Stephen Ministers are available to listen if you feel additional stress and anxiety at this time. Please contact Brent Anderson at (425) 868-1572 or Pat Weber at (949) 842-6780.
- Soup suppers have been suspended.
- Stay calm, keep praying, and trust in the Lord's presence among us!

Hello CLC Family,

I wanted to let you know that I am praying for you and your family and kids. :) I am sad that we can't meet in person right now, but that doesn't mean we stop growing in our faith. Now more than ever, we can rest in the knowledge that we are beloved children of God and we will never be alone when we remember that we are God's children.

Rest assured during this time, we will still be connecting and offering opportunities to stay connected through our Youth and Families Ministries.

Josiah Canto, Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Virtual Sunday School: Preschool – 5th grade

Each Saturday we will be emailing a Sunday school lesson that you can do with your children on Sunday.

On **Sundays**, starting at 10 am, Josiah will be leading a 15-20 minute Sunday School **ZOOM** Meeting for all of our kids to say hello to each other, to share something good about our week and to keep in prayer for each other :)

Please contact Josiah Canto at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for the **ZOOM** Meeting instructions.

Confirmation (6th – 8th grade)

Our Confirmation youth and mentors are still connecting through phone calls and praying for one another.

We will have **ZOOM** Meetings with our Confirmation youth. This is a time for our Jr. High youth to check in and to say hello to each other, to share highs and lows, to talk about faith, to engage in some scripture reading and to share prayer requests.

On Sundays from 10:30 am – 11 am, Keith Borgschatz will be leading our Jr. High youth in a **ZOOM** meeting for a time of check in and hellos!

Please contact Josiah Canto at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for the **ZOOM** Meeting instructions.





Sr. High Youth Group (9th -12th)

We will still meet on Tuesday nights at 7 pm but through **ZOOM** Meetings.

On Sundays, Josiah will be leading our Sr. High youth in a **ZOOM** meeting from 11 am-11:30 am for a time of check in and hellos!

To participate please contact Josiah Canto at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for the **ZOOM** Meeting instructions.

Parents Zoom Meetings

Tuesdays, 6 pm - 6:45 pm and Saturdays, 3 pm – 4:30

We will also be offering on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons an opportunity for our CLC parents to connect, share with one another, and offer encouragement, support, ideas and prayers. This is open to all parents at CLC with children of any age. Feel free to drop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time. We look forward to this opportunity to continue connecting and supporting one another.



To participate please contact Josiah Canto at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for the **ZOOM** Meeting instructions.



Young Adults, Thursdays, 7 pm

We will be offering a time for our young adults to connect with one another through **ZOOM** Meetings. This is an opportunity for us to share about what is going on in our lives, to support each other, to listen to one another, to laugh together and to keep one another in prayer.

To participate please contact Josiah Canto at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com for the **ZOOM** Meeting instructions.

Prayer Chain

Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Marty by email or write them on the yellow slips of paper in the Welcome Notebooks and place them in the offering plate. Pastor Marty's email pastormartyclcrsm@gmail.com



Best of Times and Worst of Times

All of us as Stephen Ministers at Community Lutheran hope and pray that you, your loved ones, and the people you care for are healthy and safe.

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted everyone—raising the level of stress and anxiety for many. We're here as Stephen Ministers if you need us to provide emotional and spiritual care as we progress through these troubling times. We are prepared to adapt our approach to safeguard the health and safety of us as caregivers and for you as our care receivers.






Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders if you, a family member or someone you know would like to talk to a Stephen Minister. Though we might not be able to meet face-to-face right now, the concept of providing high-quality one-to-one, Christ-centered care can become part of a new reality during the COVID-19 crisis.

In this challenging time, we can rely on the promises of God who cares for us and holds us closely through whatever life difficulties we face. I hope you receive comfort in God's words from Isaiah 41:10:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

To receive the caring support of a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Marty or one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders (Pat Weber, Kimmarie Simonsen, Gay Chessell, Kevin Peterson or Brent Anderson).



   Join the new “virtual” CLC women’s group called AMAZING FACES   

We will be making cloth face masks for non-critical situations, since manufactured masks are in short supply. These masks are NOT used in covid19 situations. They will be used in conditions where some protection from germs is needed.

If you are interested, please install the JOANN app to your smart phone, tablet or computer. When it first opens up, there should be a black box with white lettering stating: HELP SUPPORT OUR COUNTRY’S MEDICAL PERSONNEL. From there you can find out information about the program.

The JOANN store in Foothill Ranch is participating in this program. They have free kits on a first come basis. They also have supplies to make masks. It might be advisable to call ahead to see if items you need are still available. (949.461.0415)

Three things are needed: small amount of cotton fabric, some NON-WOVEN interfacing and some elastic. I have plenty of cotton fabric and I am waiting for a delivery of interfacing and a large spool of elastic. I would be happy to make up kits for you and deliver to church. I am trying to follow the SAFER AT HOME mantra!!

The BEST thing is that all you have to do is drop off the individually “baggies” completed masks to JOANN’s. You don’t even have to get out of your car. They will deliver the masks to agencies in need!!!

After you have read the information and you are interested, call, text or email me. I will try to answer your questions and take orders for kits.

“Do something useful with your own hands, that you may have something to share with those in need.” Ephesians 4:28



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The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 13th to discuss *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. In keeping with the ***Stay at Home*** order that is currently in force in the state of California, we're going to meet virtually using a **Zoom** meeting. Members of the Book Club will receive an invitation to the meeting via email that will contain a link to join the **Zoom** meeting. Please contact Julie Draper at [jadrapr59@gmail.com](mailto:jadraper59@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in the discussion on April 13th.

Upcoming Books:

May 11	<u><i>The Last Year of the War</i></u>	by Susan Meissner
June 8	TBD	
July 13	TBD	
August 10	<u><i>Midnight at the Blackbird Café</i></u>	by Heather Web

We invite anyone who has read these books to join us for some lively conversation and fun. The CLC Book Club reads a wide variety of books and welcomes all readers along with book suggestions. Please contact Julie Draper or a member of the Book Club for more information.



A Special Thanks to:

- Our CLC Delivery Care Team
- Our CLC Tele-Care Team
- Rich Morgan for filming our worship services
- Everyone who is supporting the CLC Ministry

Celebrating April Birthdays

Andrew Hirschman	4/3	David Hirschman	4/18
Randy Schuhrke	4/3	Andy Bullock	4/19
Derek Cisna	4/4	Ken Notthoff	4/19
Jim Le Dane	4/4	Tyler Kjar	4/20
Elke Hirschman	4/5	Barb Krouse	4/25
Kellie Krouse	4/7	Claire Peterson	4/25
Kim Tveit	4/7	Rose Stout-Harris	4/25
Kathy Barry	4/10	Starlene Boyer	4/26
Kyla McClure	4/10	Kathy Brown	4/26
Tamara Hirschman	4/11	Zachary Barker	4/27
Danielle Hilburn	4/13	Andrew Blume	4/27
John Wielenga	4/14	Hallie Rohr	4/27
Lauren Yang	4/14	Kory Shelley	4/27
Poppy Connolly	4/15	Robin Jaruszewski	4/28
Sarah Cueva	4/15	Sandy Cueva	4/29
Alex Kermoade	4/17	Raymond van Voorhis	4/29
Brandon Manock	4/17		

