



June 2021

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## Community News



Dear members and friends of CLC,

On Sunday, June 6, we celebrate as seven CLC youth affirm the promises God made to them in Holy Baptism. We rejoice that they are dearly loved children of God, forgiven, and called to love and serve Christ in all that they do. They are declaring publicly, "Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and I am claiming, as my own, the faith in which I have been raised."

This year in our confirmation ministry, Josiah and I have been sharing what the Bible teaches about life, faith, and our calling to love and serve our neighbors. Our theme verse is: Colossians 1:27

**"God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"**

Max Lucado writes: "When grace happens, Christ enters. Christ in you, the hope of glory! For many years, I missed this truth. I believed all the other prepositions: Christ *for* me, Christ *with* me, Christ *ahead* of me. But I never imagined that Christ was *in* me. I can't blame my deficiency on Scripture. Paul refers to the indwelling of Christ 216 times. John mentions his presence 26. No other religion or philosophy makes such a claim. No other movement implies the living presence of its founder in his followers. Muhammad does not indwell Muslims. Buddha does not inhabit Buddhists. Influence? Instruct? Yes. But occupy? No. The mystery of Christianity is summarized in Colossians 1:27, "Christ is in you!" Little by little a new image emerges! All because of God's Grace!"

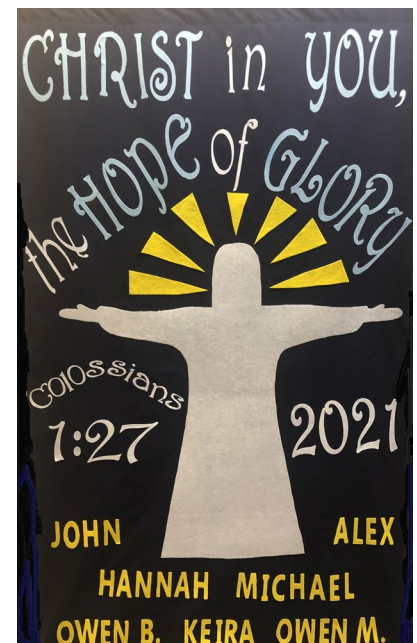
Our 2021 confirmands are:

Owen Berg  
Keira Clineff  
Alex Kiernan  
Hannah Kolenicka

Owen Morgan  
Michael Stroud  
John Sullivan

Please join us in praying Paul's prayer from Ephesians 3:16-19 for our Confirmands:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the past year I've been thinking ahead to retirement plans. After 42 years as an accompanist at UCI and CSUF, I've made the decision to retire at the end of July. I've also decided to retire from my career as an organist. I started at my first church in 1968 at the age of 15. So I've been serving as an organist for 53 years!

I promised Nancy that I would retire when I turned 68 so that we could enjoy some traveling while we are still relatively healthy. With the Covid situation winding down and things starting to return to normal over the next few months, I think now is a good time to "pass the baton" on to new (and younger) people. I would like to finish up on July 18. I've been at CLC since April 1990 and have enjoyed my many years at this warm and loving congregation.

Soli Deo Gloria,

**Grant Rohr**

Look for an upcoming announcement of a "Retirement Party" celebrating Grant and his ministry at CLC.

We thank God for you!



## Summer Worship Schedule

**June 6th – September 5th**

**8:30am Outdoor Patio Worship**

**10:00am Inside Sanctuary & Streaming Service**



## ***Caught Serving...***

- Everyone who helped organize, sell, buy etc. items for the rummage sale.
- Bill Blume for staining and replacing pergola wood shade covering at the entrance near the church office.
- CLC Quilters ~ For your dedication to quilting for Lutheran World Relief.
- To everyone who has ushered and greeted at our worship services.
- To everyone who has read at our worship services.
- To Scott Kensey for hanging the confirmation banners

**APRIL 2021****2021 YTD****2021 YTD****ACTUAL****BUDGET**

Receipts—Offerings	\$150,761	\$139,234
Net Receipts—Preschool	33,229	24,492
Receipts—Other	2,128	1,045
Total Receipts	\$186,118	\$164,771
Total Operating Expenditures		
(Non-Preschool)	( 165,560)	( 167,697)
Excess Receipts over Expenditures		
(Net Operating Income)	\$ 20,558	(\$ 2,926)
Loss on Sale of Stock	( 12)	(0)
Transfers to Dedicated Accounts	( 0)	( 0)
Total Net Revenue	\$ 20,546	(\$ 2,926)

Offerings	
Charitable Grants	\$ 9,435
Non-Cash Offerings	587
Non-EFT Offerings	11,828
EFT Offerings	14,088
Total	35,938

**Liquid assets** available to meet expenses totaled \$96,416 on 4/30/2021 (excludes dedicated funds).

**Offering income** was \$4,354 more than budgeted for April and is \$11,527 greater than budgeted YTD. Higher offerings have helped to offset the loss of preschool income.

**Preschool net income** was \$970 more than budgeted for April and is \$8,737 more than budgeted YTD. Licensing and health officials continue to limit our enrollment although we expect full enrollment in September.

**Other Receipts** included specified gifts of \$54 for the Long-Term Maintenance Fund, \$1,075 for the Food Bank, \$25 for Siloe, \$100 for Laura's House and \$81 for the Quilting.

**Non-Preschool Operating Expenses** were \$1,700 more than budgeted for April and are \$2,137 less than budgeted YTD. All expense categories were less than budgeted for the month or within \$300 of budget except:

***Worship*** was \$1,029 more than budgeted. Accompanist hours were greater due to Easter preparation, trumpet players were unbudgeted, and extra flowers were purchased.

***Facilities*** were \$1,361 greater than budgeted for April since all fire inspection services and fire extinguisher services were completed this month. Some landscape repairs and palm tree pruning were also completed. YTD expenses are \$470 greater than budgeted.

Detailed information is available upon request from Tracy Cantin [treasurerclcrsm@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerclcrsm@gmail.com)

### **How Can I continue Giving?**

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, [www.clcrsm.org](http://www.clcrsm.org). There is a link at the top of the page that 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+". The first time you login, you select your church. You will find us by searching the zip code, 92688. You can do a one-time donation or setup a recurring donation through the app.
4. You can text an offering donation to 855-949-0112. The first time you do this you will 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](mailto:clcrsm@clcrsm.org)

If you need any help with your online giving, please contact Tracy at [treasurerclcrsm@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerclcrsm@gmail.com)

**Amazon Smile:** The church has registered on Amazon Smile. This is a great program where Amazon shoppers can designate any registered charity to receive .5% of their qualified purchases as a donation. To participate in this program, just go to **[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)** to sign up and choose Community Lutheran Church as your designated charity.

**Schwab Account:** The church has a Schwab brokerage account. This way members can donate shares of stock as an alternative to cash offerings. Not only can you help the church, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on appreciated stocks.

## CLC Council Meeting Highlights May 2021

The May 2019 CLC council meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Highlights from the meeting included:

- This year's Affirmation of Baptism will be on June 6 at 10:00 AM. The confirmation students are: Owen Berg, Keira Clineff, Alex Kiernan, Hannah Kolenicka, Owen Morgan, Michael Stroud, and John Sullivan. A reception will follow.
- Summer worship schedule begins on Confirmation Sunday, June 6 with 8:30 AM outdoor patio worship and 10:00 AM indoor worship.
- Youth Camps Scheduled - Day Camp, June 21-25 / Splash Camp, July 12-16 Backpacking, July 24-30 / Vacation Bible School, August 2-6
- A position of a Youth Ministry Intern will be offered to continue fostering the growth of our youth ministry and to help the larger Lutheran church by providing an opportunity for college students interested in youth ministry.

## Forward Planning

Overall, "Forward Planning" looks to support the various committees and ministries of the congregation. Forward Planning's current project is supporting the ministries surrounding Stewardship, working to figure out ways to provide opportunities -- old and new -- for all members of Community Lutheran to share our gifts of time and talent with our congregation and beyond.

Do you see needs to be met, or means of service to offer? Please share your ideas! Please see me or contact the church office at [clcrsm@gmail.com](mailto:clcrsm@gmail.com) or (949) 858-0307.

Deborah Sundberg  
Forward Planning Chair

# June Spotlight



If April showers bring May flowers, what comes in June? Well, for the spotlight behind the scenes, that would be to shine on our Financial Secretary Louis McClure! Community Lutheran has been very blessed during this difficult year and our finances have remained healthy. Thanks to Louis, our offerings have been counted and deposited all year so we can focus on our many ministries and keeping the congregation healthy.

Many of you know the McClure family and have seen Julie and Louis' children grow. Now their youngest, Kyla, is just finishing her first year of Confirmation classes. Some of you may even remember when Louis was the Outreach Chair on the church council! If you've had a conversation with him, you would figure Outreach would be a perfect fit for him as he is intelligent, friendly and outgoing. Lucky for us, he is also skilled with numbers and uses his accounting background in his job with Orange County overseeing the financing for large government projects! Put those two positive personality traits together and you have Louis McClure. A real blessing to Community Lutheran!

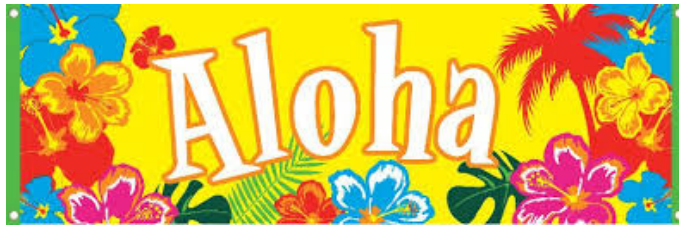


As Financial Secretary, Louis oversees the various teams of offering counters and makes sure it's all running smoothly. He trains them in any new computer software, takes care of bank deposits for some of the teams and generally makes sure everything is checked and marked as it should be. He works with Tracy Cantin, our Treasurer, to set up good accounting practices. During this past year Louis has shouldered the counting duties himself as we've been mindful of social distance and staying close to home. He has been happy to do it and has been able to take a step back and enjoy more family time too. But now as we get back into the swing of things, he will be putting the call out to the counting teams. This is the perfect time for any of you to join in! The job is vital and yet easy: once a month for under an hour in teams of two. If Sunday isn't convenient, you could even meet Monday or Tuesday to get it done. If you are looking for a way to give some time to church that will easily fit into your schedule, and perhaps meet a new friend, become an offering counter!

Anyone interested in becoming an offering counter may contact Louis. Call him at 949-874-2942 or email him at [lmgst@yahoo.com](mailto:lmgst@yahoo.com).

Thanks Louis!





## The Aloha Potluck Is Back!

Join us Saturday, June 19 from 5:00-7:00 on the church patio.

Even if you didn't sign up, all are welcome to come.

Bring any dish! It doesn't really have to fit a Hawaiian theme.

Lemonade will be provided - Fun for the whole family - We'll bring Hawaii to you!



## The Week of Day Camp Thursday, June 24th 5:00 PM

Bring any dish to this potluck in support of our Day Camp participants and LRCC leaders! Main dishes, side dishes, and desserts do not need to be fiesta themed. A variety of dishes is always welcome. See you there!

## *Progressive Dinner*



**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

4 PM - 8:30 PM

This exciting event will be something different! It's a very special progressive dinner with a potluck element. We will all meet at church to share rides and caravan to the first house for hors d'oeuvres. The next house will be the salad course. Then onto the third house for the main course. And finally we will all end up at church for the desserts. That way everyone will be back at their cars to go home at the end of the event. The three houses are set so now the sign-up will be to let us know that you wish to attend, and if you'd like to participate by bringing one of the dishes.

The sign-up sheet is on the table at church.

There is some wiggle room on when to arrive at the first house. Talk to Heidi Wolfson if you have any questions!



## BACKPACKING!

July 24 – 30 (Saturday – Friday)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade or Older

This summer we will embark on an adventure into the Emigrant Wilderness of the High Sierras. We will spend six days hiking, swimming, camping, growing closer to God, and learning more about each other. Groups are grade and/or age-specific and are led by an experienced adult “guide” and responsible adult “counselors”. This week is a great way to unplug from the distractions we encounter on a daily basis. It is also a great opportunity for youth to build strong intergenerational relationships.

## Confirmation Sunday June 6, 2021



The following seven students will affirm their baptism at 10:00 AM Sunday, June 6. Please help us celebrate and support these students as they prepare to take this step in their faith journey!

<i>Owen Berg</i>	<i>Hannah Kolenicka</i>
<i>Keira Clineff</i>	<i>Owen Morgan</i>
<i>Alex Kiernan</i>	<i>Michael Stroud</i>
<i>John Sullivan</i>	

## High School Graduates 2021



*Cory Mudrock*  
*Rachel Wissmueller*  
*Reece Wissmueller*



# CLC Youth & Family Ministry Monthly News

Dear CLC family,

I am excited to share with you that we are beginning the process of looking for a youth ministry intern for the Fall of 2021 who will serve with me through May of 2022. As we continue to build our youth and family ministry, we have the opportunity to bring in a passionate young person looking to work with children and youth. It is such a blessing to begin this process to find someone who will have the opportunity to serve alongside us and develop their love for children's and youth ministry!

If you know anyone that might be interested, please let me know. We do have a Youth Ministry Intern job description that we would be happy to share.

We are also excited for this Summer! We will be offering VBS, Day Camp and our newest kids summer camp, Splash Camp! We need lots of volunteers to help us make these camps happen this summer! Come and join us for a fun time this summer as we share the love of Christ through all our amazing camps! We will also be backpacking with our youth this summer! We can't wait to head back up to the Emigrant Wilderness this summer with our youth! We are grateful that we will get to be together in person this summer!

Josiah Canto,  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
[Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com](mailto:Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com)

## **Kids Summer Camps! Save the dates!**



### **Day Camp at Community Lutheran Church**

June 21 – 25

5-year-old to 5th grade

9 AM – 3 PM or

8am - 5:30pm (Includes Extended Care)

\$95 per child for 9 am-3 pm or \$135 for 8 am-5:30 pm

To Register <https://forms.gle/qcc3snzBMnuz6dXk7>

To Volunteer <https://forms.gle/oGa5NBvo9K75Bt7q8>



**July 12-16**  
**3 Years Old to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**1-4 pm**  
**\$20 Per Child**

Welcome to our newest kids summer camp! Splash Camp will be an unforgettable week of water games, new friends, growing together in faith and lots of laughter!

To Register <https://forms.gle/gkWi4v7gDq1YKHfX7>  
To Volunteer <https://forms.gle/wWKQRtsnFGU9c5n46>



**Community Lutheran Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**

August 2 – 6 - 9am - 12pm  
Ages 3 Years Old-5th Grade

\$55 for the first child in a family, \$45 for second and \$35 for third and any additional.

To Register <https://forms.gle/WQRjiZ9ZHfPAdJMQA>

To Volunteer <https://forms.gle/gZZd7q3Kxp9wx6XE7>



**Jr. High Summer Schedule**

**June**

Friday, June 11th: Summer Kick off and Game Night 6:30-8:30 pm  
Friday, June 18th: Beach Club Evening at the RSM Lagoon, 5-8 pm

**July**

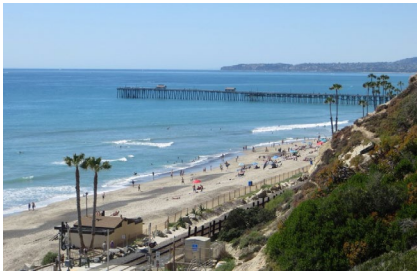
Saturday, July 10th: Day of Service TBD  
Saturday to Friday, July 24th-30th, Backpacking In The High Sierras

**August**

Friday, August 6th: BBQ and Game Night, 6:30-8:30 pm

"Potential summer trip to Knott's Berry Farm in July or August"





## High School Summer Schedule

### June

Wednesday, June 9th: Summer Kick off and In-N-Out, 6:30-8:30 pm  
 Saturday, June 12th: Beach Day and Beach Clean-Up at T-Street in San Clemente, 12 pm-7 pm

Wednesday, June 16th: HS summer youth group, 6:30-8 pm

Wednesday, June 30th: HS summer youth group, 6:30-8 pm

### July

Friday, July 9th: Beach Club Evening at RSM Lagoon, 5-8 pm

Wednesday, July 14th: HS summer youth group, 6:30-8 pm

Saturday to Friday, July 24th-30th, Backpacking In The High Sierras



### August

Wednesday, August 11th: HS summer youth group, 6:30-8 pm

Wednesday, August 18th: HS Summer Youth Group, 6:30-8 pm

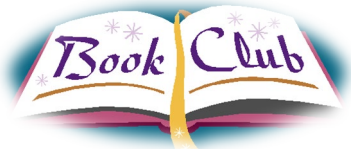
Friday-Saturday, August 20th to the 21st, Lock in and Handel's Ice Cream

"Potential summer trip to Knott's Berry Farm in July or August"



### Prayer Chain

Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Marty at  
[pastormartyclcrsm@gmail.com](mailto:pastormartyclcrsm@gmail.com)



The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at **6:30pm**. We will plan to meet on the CLC patio. When the Book Club meets on June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing **Hope on the Inside** by Marie Bostwick. This is the story of Hope and Rick Carpenter who are facing emotional and financial challenges following forced early retirement. Hope is able to find much needed employment teaching crafts at a women's prison where she initially struggles to relate to the inmates. With the help of the prison chaplain, Hope finds common ground and is able to bond with the women she is teaching. Together they create something beautiful.

Upcoming Books:

July 12	<b><u>All Adults Here</u></b>	by Emma Staub
August 9	<b><u>Camino Island</u></b>	by John Grisham
September 13	<b><u>I Still Dream About You</u></b>	by Fannie Flagg
October 11	<b><u>TBD</u></b>	
November 8	<b><u>This Tender Land</u></b>	by William Kent Krueger

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.



## Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 1 & 15 at 7:00 PM

We will be reading and discussing  
**The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream**

We are meeting in person on the patio and we will set up a ZOOM meeting. We will Pat Mulhaupt will be leading our study groups.

Please bring a Bible and a book light in case it gets too dark.

Please reach out to Cindy Hilburn at [hilburns@cox.net](mailto:hilburns@cox.net) if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.



## LWR QUILTING For June

Mon 6/7....9am-12 and 6-8pm

Mon 6/14..9am-12

Mon 6/21..9am-12 and 6-8pm

If sanctuary is in use for day camp this day, we will meet in choir room

Mon 6/28..9am-12



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### **Crisis: An emotionally charged time of instability when a crucial change occurs**

The Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for "danger" and the other for "opportunity". This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or Spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Marty or one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders (Pat Weber, Gay Chessell, Kevin Peterson or Brent Anderson).



# Pacifica Synod



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Assembly  
Final Review**



**2021 Synod Assembly ≈ May 1, 2021 ≈ Online via Zoom**

## ***Sent Out with Good News*** ***John 20:20-21***

After the postponement of our 2020 Pacifica Synod Assembly, our 2021 Assembly was held in a brand-new format, a format very familiar to our congregations over the past year—a virtual, online gathering. Through the gift of technology, 299 voting members and assembly leaders gathered on Zoom from throughout our synod to experience this year's Synod Assembly. Bethlehem Lutheran in Encinitas was our "Mission Control" host site (thank you, Lori Herman, for that description) where a small group gathered safely to host the livestreamed portion of the assembly.

Our theme, "Sent Out with Good News" based on John 20:20-21 couldn't be more relevant in this time in our world. This text shaped our time together as we look ahead and discern the ways we are sent out into this "new" world in ministry together.

We were joined by our ELCA Churchwide Representative and Secretary, Deacon Sue Rothmeyer. Our ministry partners still shared updates and our Synod Council officers provided reports both live and by video. Resolutions were voted on and elections held in new ways that didn't involve red and green cards and printed ballots, but in our homes through the use of our own electronic devices. While agenda items during the Assembly may have been done differently than prior years, the work we did together as a synod was just as meaningful and important as ever and we remain committed as a synod in being sent out to share the Good News of Christ in our world together.

We give thanks to all who were with us for this assembly, both voting members and those who watched the livestream. Your willingness to explore new ways of gathering to do this work together is appreciated. Your participation and dedication to the ministries of and through this synod are a gift to us and the wider church. We also are grateful for those who held the Assembly in prayer. We especially give thanks for the village it takes to hold a synod assembly - our Assembly Planning Team, Synod Council, many gifted volunteers and the staff and members of Bethlehem Lutheran in Encinitas. You are all amazing partners in this ministry!

