



Community News

November 2020

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Please Welcome Our New Members



Lynn Alcala



Karen Anderson



Jonathan & Jiratharn Giloff with Conrad



Wulun Dai & Luping Zhou Dai
Isaac Dai



Glenn & Kathie Pfeiffer



SEPTEMBER 2020

	2020 YTD ACTUAL	2020 YTD BUDGET
Receipts—Offerings	\$328,369	\$312,549
Net Receipts—Preschool	(87,077)	128,945
Payroll Protection Program Funds Used	151,527	0
Receipts—Other	2,891	3,935
Total Receipts	\$395,710	\$ 445,429
Total Operating Expenditures (Non-Preschool)	(410,742)	(416,581)
Excess Receipts over		
Expenditures (Net Operating Income) (\$ 15,032)		\$ 28,848
Loss on Sale of Stock	(392)	(0)
Transfers to Dedicated Accounts	(22,000)	(38,000)
Total Net Revenue	(37,424)	(\$ 9,152)

<u>Offerings</u>	
Mailed Offerings	\$ 11,974
Charitable Grants	\$ 5,000
Offerings in Worship	\$ 11,779
EFT Offerings	\$ 12,304
Total	\$ 30,128

Payroll Protection Program loan funds totaling \$151,527 were received 5/1/2020. These funds were applied to payroll costs (both church and preschool) and mortgage interest. We will apply to have the loan forgiven and converted into a grant. We anticipate full forgiveness.

Liquid assets available to meet expenses totaled \$1,244 on 9/30/2020 (excludes dedicated funds).

Offering income was \$12,676 more than budgeted for September. YTD offerings are \$15,820 more than budgeted. Higher offerings have helped to offset the loss of preschool income.

Preschool net income was \$11,597 less than budgeted for September. September's preschool net income was \$1,842; however, typically the preschool contributes \$10,000 to \$15,000 monthly toward church bills and the long-term maintenance fund. Licensing and health officials continue to limit our enrollment. Once the school is cleared for more students, we will increase enrollment. Staff is working diligently to keep all church expenses as low as possible without sacrificing our ministries.

Other Receipts included specified gifts of \$43 for the Long-Term Maintenance Fund, \$813 for Siloe, \$100 for the Food Bank, \$75 for ELCA Disaster Relief-CA Wildfires, \$140 for ELCA Day of Service, \$500 for Door of Faith and \$50 for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Non-Preschool Operating Expenses were \$1,435 less than budgeted for September. All expense categories were less than budgeted numbers except Benevolence, which was \$509 greater than budgeted. This line item is based on a specific percentage of offering income. When offerings are greater than budgeted, benevolence is greater as well. This month we distributed our standard quarterly benevolence of \$4,950 plus \$1,000 to Door of Faith, \$500 to RSM Cares Food Pantry, \$2,489 to Siloe Clinic, and \$175 to ELCA Disaster Relief-Wildfires.

Detailed information is available upon request from Tracy Cantin (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, 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

If you need any help with your online giving, please contact Tracy at 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 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 October 21, 2020

- We welcomed 8 new members to our church on October 10th.
- Harvest Boutique was a huge success. Thank you to Heidi, Josiah, Pete, Alex and all who served. It was a great community outreach as well as a fundraiser. \$2400 will be divided between our Youth Ministry and Door of Faith.
- The Harvest Boutique catalog link has been added to the church's main web page. If you missed the boutique, you can still order from the vendors.
- Coming up: Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship service.
- Coming up: Dec. 2, 9, 16 - Advent Services



On Wednesday, November 25th, please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service beginning at 7:00 P.M.



Dear Community Lutheran Church Family,

As we welcome November, many of us take time to reflect on the activities of the past year and think about what we want for the next. Like us, our Community Lutheran Church (CLC) family celebrates the wonderful acts and moments of faith we have experienced in 2020 and consider the hopes we have for the coming year.

It would be an understatement to say this has been an unusual year. Our church community has experienced many challenges due to the COVID19 pandemic both as a congregation and as individual members. We have had to make tough decisions regarding our church and preschool operations. Sometimes we become frustrated having to follow the rules and guidelines, waiting for things to go back to normal.

We have found ourselves learning how to do things differently to adjust to the constraints of safely deliver ministry and community interaction. Community Lutheran discovered new ways to reach out to our faith community, such as developing an on-line platform to view our services for those who need to stay home, discovering the joy of worshipping outside or meeting mid-week for a brief communion service. We are even reaching people beyond our community through our on-line connections.

The Holy Spirit working through us, our congregation is resilient. Not only have our members used their talents to maintain CLC's ministry during these challenging times, they have kept and exceeded their financial commitments through their offerings!

As in past years, we ask each person to faithfully consider what commitments of time, talent and resources they can pledge to the church for 2021. In the coming weeks, please take the opportunity to add your pledge and commitment if you have not already done so. Time and talent forms and offering pledge cards are available in the church office and at on-site services in November. If you need any additional forms emailed or mailed to you, please feel free to contact the church office. Please make your commitment at this time so that the CLC community might make plans for an impactful ministry for 2021. The Stewardship Committee and Church Council greatly appreciates your continued support of our church's mission.

Ruth Lehmann
Stewardship Chair



In-Person Sunday School (Preschool-5th)

We will continue to offer in person Sunday School for our preschool-5th graders for the remainder of this Fall. After the children's message, the kids will go to Sunday school down at the preschool courtyard. Parents can pick up their kids at the end of service. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com.

KNO (Kids Night Out)

Preschool and Kindergarten
November 14th
5:30-7:30 pm

In November, Kids Night Out will be offered once on November 14th. We will be allowing a maximum of nine children for KNO this month. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com.



1st-3rd Grade
Friday, November 6th
5:30-7:30 pm

In November, We will be offering JSM once on November 6th. We will be allowing a maximum of nine children for JAM this month. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com.



Fearless

4th-5th Grade
Friday, November 20th
5:30-7 pm

We will be offering Fearless on November 20th. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com.

Confirmation

6th-8th Grade

Tuesday, November 10th Meet with Students

Tuesday, November 24th Meet with Students and Parents
6:30-8 pm



Game Night – Friday, November 13th 6:30-8:30 pm

Confirmation is offered every other Tuesday. More information will be sent out to parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com



High School

9th-12th Grade

Wednesday, November 4th & November 11th
6:30-8pm

RSM Cares Food Pantry – Wednesday, November 18th 12-4:30 pm

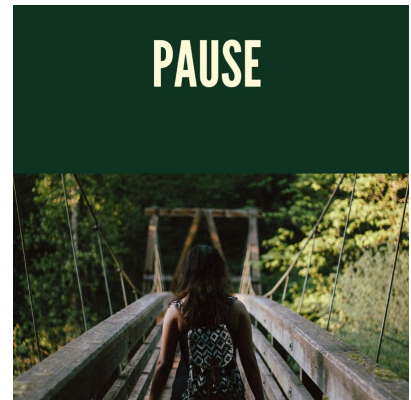
H.S. youth group meets weekly on Wednesdays except the 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com

Pause

Ages 18-22

Sunday, November 1st Zoom Meeting
Sunday, November 15th Meet In Person
7-8:30pm

We continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. On November 1st we will meet on Zoom at 7pm. For the Zoom link, please email Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com. On November 15th we will meet in person in the church sanctuary. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah.



Connect

Ages 23 and up

Saturday, November 7th Zoom Meeting
7:30-9pm

This month we will be meeting once on November 7th on Zoom. For the Zoom link, please email Josiah at Josiahclcrsm@gmail.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Josiah.

The need has never been greater



**Community Lutheran Church's 2020
Thanksgiving Food Drive for the
RSM Cares Food Pantry**

~ Suggested Shopping List ~

2 jars turkey or chicken gravy
1 can or box chicken broth
1 can cream of chicken or
cream of mushroom soup
1 can cranberry sauce
1 large can sweet potatoes or yams
1 box stuffing mix

1 large box dried mashed potatoes
2 cans pumpkin pie filling
1 box pie crust mix (not a pie shell)
2 cans of vegetables
1 can evaporated milk
1 box cornbread mix

1 reusable grocery bag — see below

- > This list is intended to serve one family.
- > We encourage you to provide **grocery store gift cards** in the amount of **\$35-\$50** so that families can purchase turkeys and fresh produce. You can also add to that amount to cover the cost of other perishables such as 1 dozen eggs, 1 pound of butter, or fresh vegetables. Please tape or clip the gift card to the outside of the bag.
- > We ask you to pack your items in **one reusable grocery bag**. The recipient families can also continue to use this bag throughout the year.

**Donations can be brought by the church office anytime
through Sunday, November 15, 2020.**

**Community Lutheran Church and the RSM Cares Food Pantry
thank you for your generous support!**

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We Have A New Feature In Our Monthly Newsletter!

Each month we will highlight someone who has a ministry behind the scenes. We know you'll enjoy "meeting" these members and certainly reading about their actions that enrich our church without many even realizing it!



Behind the Scenes Spotlight!

By Heidi Wolfson

Have you noticed that the banners in the sanctuary as well as the paraments on the altar change every now and then? Have you wondered who does that? For this month's Spotlight Behind the Scenes I'd like to introduce you to Scott Kensey. He is the one who maintains the visuals in our sanctuary for the seasons and certain festivals! You may have seen him read or assist with communion on a Sunday. If you come on a Saturday, you may see him ironing! He has a passion for art and architectural history and a love of keeping our sanctuary a reflection of the church seasons. Before he moved

here Scott was at a Lutheran church in the San Fernando Valley where he was head Sacristan and in charge of the banners. They were the ones who suggested he would be good at that! From then on he grew his love for keeping our Father's House visually inspiring. We are lucky that he brought that passion to Community Lutheran as he has helped maintain our banners, add new ones to cover the whole church year, and expanded our decor for Reformation Sunday and Holy Week!

Thanks Scott!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTING MINISTRY



Sunday November 8 - Last day to obtain the winning ticket for the Christmas quilt. The drawing will be that day!!!



40 quilts were delivered to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Van Nuys for pick-up by one of the LWR semi-trucks. Why Van Nuys? Ask Kathy Anderson for the rest of the story!



The quilting ministry will continue "behind the scenes". If you would like to be included on the email updates let us know.



Many thanks to these ladies who have been working on the quilts behind the scenes – Renee Allen, Starlene Boyer, Gay Chessell, Tami Engel, Joan Haase, Erika Jelovsek, Vicki Kressin, Rachelle Leland, Shirley Lemke, Debbie Mecklenberg, Pat Mulhaupt, Barbara Paulson, Doris Pospichal, Christy Riley, Becky Venlet, Pat Weber, Brenda Wiles and Heidi Wolfson.



Kathy Anderson kathyquilter1217@gmail.com



The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 9th at 7:00pm. We will have a combined Zoom and “in person” meeting. For those who wish to participate in person, we will meet in the CLC Sanctuary. (No refreshments will be provided.)

Those who are unable to meet in person will still be able to participate via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information will be forwarded to the members of the Book Club prior to the meeting.

When the Book Club meets on November 9th, we will be discussing **The Giver of Stars** by JoJo Moyes. In this book we meet members of the Library Services Program of the Work Progress Administration in Kentucky, strong women who deliver library books to rural communities on packhorses. These women help support their families through the depression years while facing many dangerous challenges.

Upcoming Books:

December 14	<u>The White Christmas Inn</u>	by Colleen Wright
<u>2021</u>		
January 11	<u>Uphill Both Ways</u>	by Neta Jackson
February 8	<u>The Alice Network</u>	by Kate Quinn
March 8	<u>Mornings with Rosemary</u>	by Libby Page
April 12	<u>Queen Bee</u>	by Dorothea Benton Frank

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.



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 is pastormartyclcrsm@gmail.com



Harvest Boutique Recap

The Boutique was another great success! Everyone enjoyed a happy day at Community Lutheran! Thank you to all the hands that pitched in from donating things to helping the day of in the many ways needed to host this wonderful event!

We had an incredible assortment of booths with so many wonderful things! A new feature this year is our online catalog. If you couldn't make it that day, or if you saw something you wish you had bought,

go to our website at www.clcrsm.org and view the beautiful catalog. If you don't see the contact information, just ask Heidi Wolfson at HarvestBoutiqueCLC@gmail.org.

Feedback from vendors was that they thought this was the BEST EVER Boutique! They felt loved, welcomed, and really enjoyed the day with us. Visitors from the community also said it was a great event. They loved the good food from our cafe, "Our Daily Bread, Burger & Dogs." They also loved the terrific shopping and our beautiful location. One visitor said it perfectly: "Community Lutheran feels like an oasis in the middle of a crazy world." Several community members are coming back to join us for services!

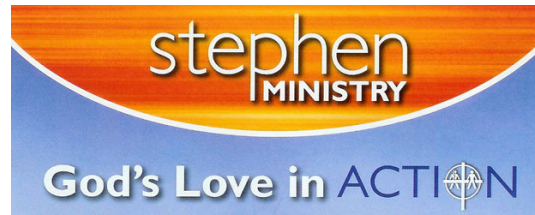


Another fun thing about the Harvest Boutique is that it gives us a chance to work together. Many said "It feels so good to feel normal again!" We have such a wonderful church family and it was just so neat to see so many. Even our newest members came and helped with the day!

All of the vendors said they are excited to be back again next year. Thanks to their support and our cafe, we are able to send \$1,200 to the Door of Faith Orphanage in Baja and another \$1,200 to our own CLC Youth Ministry!

Upcoming Parish Life Events

I'm sure you all figured this is not a good time to hold our Chili Cook-off. This just gives you more time to perfect those recipes because you can be sure we will bring it back next year! As for Advent and Christmas fellowship activities, I am on standby and ready and willing to plan whatever we think is possible! You're all on my mind and in my heart and as soon as we can, we'll have some fun together.



Part of Something Big

With the pandemic, people are experiencing all kinds of painful struggles—health crises, isolation, grief, stress, anxiety, job loss, financial problems, and more. At the same time, Stephen Ministry congregations all over are coming alongside these hurting people to provide care.

As a Stephen Ministry congregation, Community Lutheran is part of a big network of care. There are thousands of Stephen Ministry congregations representing more than 90 Christian denominations across the U.S., Canada and the world. The Stephen Ministries headquarters is based in St. Louis, Missouri and can connect our Stephen Leaders with Stephen Ministry congregations virtually anywhere in the country. So - if you have a relative or friend far away who is in need of care, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders (Pat Weber, Kimmarie Sorensen, Gay Chessell, Kevin Peterson or Brent Anderson). They may be able to connect your friend to a Stephen Ministry congregation in his or her own neighborhood.

December Worship Dates to Remember!

December 2nd, 9th, and 16th

7:00 PM – Wednesday Advent Services



Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24th

Candlelight with Holy Communion

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Sunday, December 27th

Worship Times and Services TBA

