

**ELCA Day of Service  
Sunday, September 12  
Directly After Second Service**



This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>

We have a variety of service projects to participate in. There is something for everyone! Please sign-up at the Welcome table.

- Project #1 - LWR (Lutheran World Relief)  
Assist in making quilts
- Project #2 - Park Terrace Retirement Home  
Assemble Holiday themed card making kits
- Project #3 - Family & Friends of Active Military [www.FFAMsocal.org](http://www.FFAMsocal.org)  
Donate food for the Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes from the list on the next page.  
Assemble "Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes" to give to local members of the military.
- Project #4 - Saddleback Children's Center  
Dig out plants (roots and all)  
Hang bulletin boards

Lunch and beverages will be provided for participants.  
Onsite nursery and childcare will be available.

September 12th - Day of Service Project

## Thanksgiving **HOLIDAY FIXINS'** FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES



Gifting holiday food boxes to our military families stationed at Fort Irwin, Camp Pendleton and Miramar Air Station, CA by filling a "Thanksgiving Holiday Fixins' Box"

### #1. Collection of the food items 8/23 - 9/12 (please drop off donations in church office)

**For Each Family Holiday Meal You Want to Donate, Include One Each of The Following Items:**

(please do not make substitutions, additions or deletions)

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|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 14oz cans of Cranberry Sauce  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 14-16oz cans of Green Beans   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 32oz. box of Chicken Stock  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 16oz. bag of whole pinto beans  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 16oz. bag of Long Enriched Rice(white) 32oz. okay if you can't find 16oz. Not Instant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 14oz box of instant mashed potatoes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 14-16oz cans of fruit cocktail  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 16oz, bag/box of White Sugar  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- Mini marshmallows   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 – Box of movie style popcorn (6 bags)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 12-16oz box of Cubbinson's Stuffing Mix   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- Box of cake mix with matching frosting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- Box of Hot Chocolate Packets (6-10 envelopes)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1- 64oz bottle of Apple Juice (No Glass Please!)   |

### #2. We will be placing the donated items in the Thanksgiving Fixins' Boxes on 9/12

#3. Another way you can help is by check donation to be used to include a turkey  
Checks Payable to Family & Friends of Active Military (leave check in the CLC office)



Dear CLC church family,

Words cannot express (although I'm going to try : ) ) how much your prayers, love, and support mean to me. I was touched by your kindness, your personal notes, the beautiful cards, and the generous going away gifts. Thankfully, the drive east went smoothly and we are now getting settled in our new home. Please come visit (just not quite yet : ) ).

We look forward to seeing you again and we keep you in our prayers. I know you will rally around your interim pastor and new pastor and keep on centering your lives on Christ as you reach out with God's love!

Pastor Marty

### **August Council Meeting Highlights August 18, 2021**

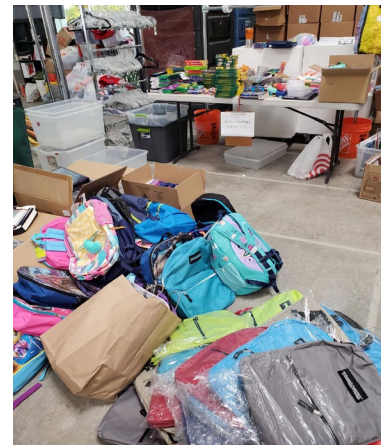
- A Transition Team is being formed to work with the Interim Pastor. A site ministry report will be created and finalized by Thanksgiving. By the annual meeting in January, we will be ready to set up a call for a new Pastor.
- Erica Kang began accompanying worship on August 22 and was introduced at each worship service.
- We continue to look for a Music Director.

### **Laura's House Update**

Dear Members of CLC,

As a follow up to our July Back to School donation drive, the following is a "thank you" message I received from Crystal, our contact at Laura's House. Once again, our congregation's generosity made a difference in families at Laura's House shelter for domestic abuse survivors.

"Please thank the congregation again for us. As I told you yesterday, we are supplying about twice as many backpacks as last year and we couldn't have done it without your support! I took a picture of all the supplies we got yesterday before we started sorting." --- J Crystal (Laura's House)



Bless you,

Kathie Pfeiffer  
CLC Outreach Coordinator

## Meet Erica Kang

Erica Kang was born and raised in South Korea. Motivated by her passion for music, she enrolled in a performing arts high school where she began to hone her skills. She received her bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from the University of California Irvine and then attended USC, where she earned a graduate certificate in Organ Performance.

Erica has over 20 years of experience as both collaborative pianist and accompanist on organ and piano with numerous soloists and choirs. For the past 10 years, she served at Bethel Grace Baptist Church in Bellflower.

Besides playing her instruments, Erica's hobby is travel with an emphasis on learning about the culture and music of South Korea and Japan.



**Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 9th at 6:30pm.**

The CLC Bell Choir rehearses every Thursday at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. The Bell Choir plays approximately once a month for a service held in the sanctuary. If you're interested in joining the bell choir, please contact Julie Draper at [jadraper59@gmail.com](mailto:jadraper59@gmail.com). (Unvaccinated ringers are asked to wear masks.)



## 2021 Fall Worship Service Times

Starting September 12, the first service worship time will remain at 8:30 AM and the second service worship time will change to 10:30 AM. Sunday school will start at 9:40 AM.



## Treasurer's Report

AUGUST 2021

	2021 YTD <u>ACTUAL</u>	2021 YTD <u>BUDGET</u>
Receipts—Offerings	\$241,613	\$244,384
Net Receipts—Preschool	97,758	70,396
Receipts—Other	<u>3,259</u>	<u>1,540</u>
Total Receipts	\$342,630	\$316,320
Total Operating Expenditures (Non-Preschool)	( 295,788)	( 299,084)
Excess Receipts over		
Expenditures (Net Operating Income)	<u>\$ 46,842</u>	<u>\$ 17,236</u>
Loss on Sale of Stock	( 12)	(0)
Transfers to Dedicated Accounts	<u>( 10,000)</u>	<u>( 0)</u>
Total Net Revenue	<u>\$ 36,830</u>	<u>\$ 17,236</u>

Offerings	
Charitable Grants	\$ 9,435
Non-EFT Offerings	\$12,207
EFT Offerings	\$13,655
Total	\$35,297

**Liquid assets** available to meet expenses totaled \$89,378 on 7/31/2021 (excludes dedicated funds).

**Offering income** was \$3,713 more than budgeted for July and is \$2,771 less than budgeted YTD.

**Preschool net income** was \$18,475 more than budgeted for July and is \$27,362 more than budgeted YTD. We have reached full enrollment for September. Currently 134 are enrolled for Fall.

**Other Receipts** included specified gifts of \$54 for the Facility Maintenance Fund, \$1,625 for the Food Bank, \$25 for Siloe, \$100 for ELCA Disaster Relief, \$100 for Good Samaritan Fund, and \$100 for ELCA World Hunger Fund.

**Non-Preschool Operating Expenses** were \$3,107 less than budgeted for July and are \$3,296 less than budgeted YTD. All expense categories were less than budgeted for the month or within \$150 of budget.

**Notable:** \$10,000 was transferred from the preschool proceeds into the Facility Maintenance Fund. This money was used to cover the bills related to a roof/stucco/gutter repair in the preschool classroom building.

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

### **How Can I Give to Community Lutheran Church?**

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](http://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.





## The Harvest Boutique is set for October 16!

This one will be bigger than ever!

How can you help? There are several ways to get involved!

- Donate bottled water
- Donate for promotion – we will be advertising and improving our signs for parking
- Sign up to volunteer that day
- Just come and be a friendly face! Shop, admire, and be pleasant to the vendors and all the community members who will be coming to our campus that day!

To sign up online, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B44ABA82BA64-harvest2>

## Prayer Requests



Please send your prayer requests to Josiah Canto.  
His email address is [josiahclcrsm@gmail.com](mailto:josiahclcrsm@gmail.com)



### RSM Cares Food Pantry

Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church  
30605 Avenida de las Flores  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
Wednesday, Sept. 1 & 15  
Volunteer Hours 9:30am-5pm

Come and be a part of this great service to the community of RSM and the surrounding communities in Orange County. This is a great way to lend a helping hand, during this challenging time. We sort, organize, and pass out groceries with members of our community to families and individuals.

Distribution hours are between 2:00pm – 5:00pm. This is open to everyone! Come and help after school. There is always a need for helping hands!



## September Children's ministry newsletter!

We're excited to start up Sunday school on September 12th between our 8:30 am and 10:30 am Worship. This is also our day of service! We'll have four service opportunities after the 10:30 am Worship. Our nursery will be open all morning and afternoon during Worship and our day of service.

Everything we do focuses on providing a fun, safe and Christ focused environment for kids to build friendships, grow in faith and have a great time doing it! We'll be learning Bible stories, playing games, singing songs, crafts and more in our kids programs this year!

### KNO (Kids Night Out)

2 and half - 4 years old

2nd Saturday of the month

Sept 11th 5 - 8 pm

### LOL (Living Out Loud)

5 - 7 years old

2nd Friday of the month

Sept 10th 5 - 8 pm

### JAM (Jesus and Me)

3rd and 4th grade

3rd Friday of the month

Sept 17th 5 - 8 pm

### Fearless

5th and 6th grade

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Sept 2nd and 16th 5:30 - 7:30 pm

### Sunday School

9:40 am - 10:20 am

Preschool - 6th



## Blessing of the Backpacks

9.19.21

8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday morning Worship

Come and celebrate the start of new school year!

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks for a special prayer.



For more information,

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661-342-7950

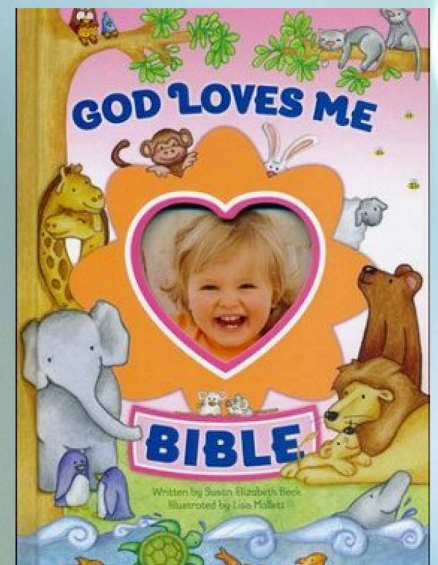
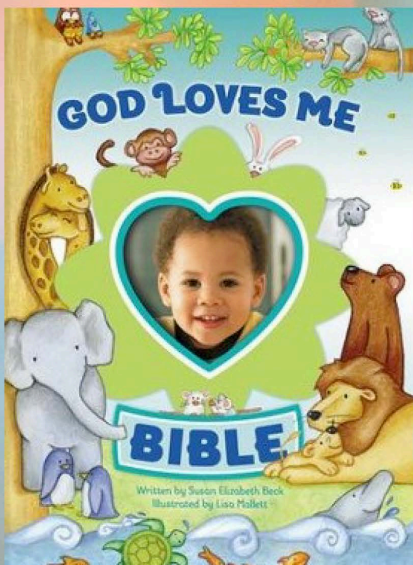


## CHILDREN'S BIBLE

9.26.21

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

For all kids ages 2-5  
Come and receive a children's Bible  
and a special blessing.







## Welcome to Jr. High Ministry 2021!

We will be combining Confirmation and the Jr. High youth group. Everything that has made Confirmation great will remain the same. Jr. High youth group will be offered once a month and Confirmation will be offered once a month. We want to encourage families that participate in our children's ministry to continue participating when their kids get to Jr. High. Our hope is that with a combination of Jr. High and Confirmation ministry we can continue to create a warm and welcoming environment for our youth to grow in faith, to invite friends, to know that they are loved and to feel that they belong.

Our parent meeting to share about Confirmation will be Sunday, September 19th after our second service at 11:45 am in the Sanctuary. We will be meeting for no longer than half an hour.

- Jr and Sr high kickoff-Monday, September 13 6:30-8:30
- Confirmation-Tuesday, September 28 6 – 8 pm

## Welcome to Sr. High Ministry 2021! (9th -12th Graders)

We will be starting Monday, September 13. Our youth group is a great way to stay connected, to build relationships, and to grow in faith. It is a safe space where youth can come together and be real and honest with one another. It's a space to get away from the busyness that engulfs high school students every day, to share their joys and frustrations, and to know that they will not be judged.

- Jr and Sr high kickoff-Monday, September 13 6:30-8:30
- Sr high youth group-Monday, September 20 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Sr high youth group-Monday, September 27 6:30 – 8:30 pm





# YOUNG@HEART BBQ POTLUCK

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE AND BE A PART  
OF OUR SOCIAL PLANNING SESSION  
FOR THE NEXT YEAR





**The CLC Book Club** is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 13 at 6:30pm. Weather permitting, we will plan to meet on the CLC patio. (If the weather fails to cooperate, we will meet in the CLC Sanctuary.)

When the Book Club meets on September 13th, we will be discussing **I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg**. This is a humorous mystery set in Birmingham, Alabama where we meet Maggie, a former Miss Alabama turned Real Estate Agent. Maggie's secrets cause her to set in motion a series of events that expose the secrets of others.

Upcoming Books:

October 11	<u><i>The Woman at 72 Derry Lane</i></u>	by Carmel Harrington
November 8	<u><i>This Tender Land</i></u>	by William Kent Krueger
December 13	<u><i>The Noel Diary</i></u>	by Richard Paul Evans

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. We're beginning the process to select the books that we will read in 2022. Please contact Julie Draper or a member of the Book Club for more information.



### Quilting For Lutheran World Relief

Come join our group as we finish up our 2021 quilts for Lutheran World Relief on Sunday September 12 as part of CLC Day of Service after the second service.

#### September Quilting Schedule

Monday, September 20  
9 AM -12 PM and 6 AM – 8AM

Monday, September 27  
9 AM – 12 PM

The Blessing of the Quilts is on Sunday, October 3 at both services.

For more information contact: Kathy Anderson 970.776.9074 [kathyquilter1217@gmail.com](mailto:kathyquilter1217@gmail.com)



## What are Stephen Ministers?



"Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care. They provide care to individuals facing difficult times in life—grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles – sounds familiar in these trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Stephen Ministers have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting and are equipped with caring ministry skills learned through an intense training regimen administered by our congregation's Stephen Leaders. A Stephen Minister has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person regularly to listen, care, pray, encourage and offer emotional and spiritual support in a confidential, non-judgmental atmosphere.

Community Lutheran has had a standing presence in Stephen Ministry since the early 2000's. You'd be surprised how many in the congregation have trained to be a Stephen Minister since that time. There is currently a cadre of active Stephen Ministers who generally meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for what is called Peer Supervision. These sessions include support for each other in our caring ministry relationships and for the opportunity for continuing education on related subjects to make us better Stephen Ministers.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a relationship with a Stephen Minister, please ask any of our Stephen Leaders for more information. If Stephen Ministry is of interest to you as an outreach for your time and talents, we encourage you to explore your heart and consider joining us in becoming a Stephen Minister in the future."



## Caught Serving In August

Thank you to Bill Blume for staining and replacing parts of the pergola that is over the side patio.

Thank you to Andy Nakatani and Bruce Wolfson for helping with the livestream video.

Thank you to Mike Bisnar and Randy Thompson for helping set up outdoor worship on Sunday mornings.

## *Let's Celebrate September Birthdays!*

Betsy Cantin	9/1	Ashley Vaskovich	9/18
Heidi Wolfson	9/1	Zachary Fick	9/19
Paige Funkhouser	9/2	Dina Erickson	9/20
Ron Hutton	9/2	Marcy Peck-Kohn	9/20
Peter Mowery	9/2	Virginia Douglass	9/21
Sophia Rhoton	9/2	Sara Wissmueller	9/21
Taylor Rhoton	9/2	Kirsten Fick	9/22
Teri Murphy	9/4	Luke Kolenicka	9/23
James Peak	9/5	Walt Lundin	9/23
Jolene Bradshaw	9/6	Nicolette Notthoff	9/23
Amanda Perez	9/7	Virginia Peterson	9/23
Bruce Atkinson	9/9	Ellen Baker	9/24
Sharon Gaworski	9/9	Karen Shelley	9/24
Alex Nathanson	9/11	Randy Allen	9/26
Amy Shoemaker	9/13	Joshua Bisnar	9/26
Kian Clineff	9/16	Brayden Vancho	8/26
Scott Kensey	9/16	Sean Whitaker	9/28
Bennett Smith	9/19	Josiah Canto	9/29

