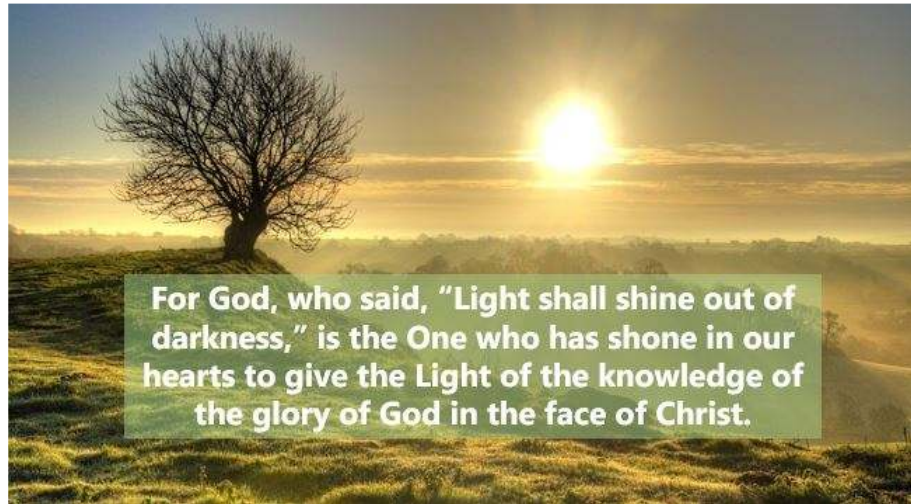




July/August 2020

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Community News



***As we move forward, there are two ways
to join us for worship each Sunday....***

In-person

to reserve your place and for important instructions click [here](#)

On-line

Livestream at 8:30 am (with slight delay) each Sunday

Also available throughout the week [here](#)

**Thank you for your patience, your prayers,
and your support!**

**Thank you for all the ways you are continuing to help us reach
out with God's love!**

May 2020	2020 YTD	2020 YTD
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Receipts—Offerings	\$178,644	\$ 180,591
Net Receipts—Preschool	(2,393)	87,370
Payroll Protection Program Funds Used	53,501	0
Receipts—Other	<u>2,408</u>	<u>2,355</u>
Total Receipts	\$232,160	\$ 270,316
Total Operating Expenditures (Non-Preschool)	<u>(228,580)</u>	<u>(231,180)</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures (Net Operating Income)	\$ <u>3,580</u>	\$ <u>39,136</u>
Loss on Sale of Stock	(392)	(0)
Transfers to Dedicated Accounts	<u>(22,000)</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>
Total Net Revenue	<u>(18,812)</u>	\$ <u>17,136</u>

Offerings	
Mailed Offerings	\$ 3,492
Charitable Grants	\$ 4,077
EFT Offerings	\$ 2,598
Total	\$ 4,516

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

Liquid assets available to meet expenses totaled \$13,538 on 5/31/2020 (excludes dedicated funds). Remaining Payroll Protection Program Funds totaled \$98,026 as of 5/31/2020.

Offering income was \$9,367 less than budgeted for May. YTD offerings are \$1,947 less than budgeted.

Preschool net income was \$60,715 less than budgeted for May. No tuition will be received until July, when we will have a 5-week summer program.

Other Receipts included specified gifts of \$54 for the Building Fund, \$363 for Siloé, \$100 for Door of Faith, \$800 for the Food Bank, \$100 for the online worship fund, \$36 for card kit supplies, and \$465 for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Non-Preschool Operating Expenses were \$3,295 less than budgeted for May. All expense categories were below budgeted numbers.

Transfers for May included \$4,000 to the Facility Long Term Maintenance Fund from the church's operating funds. This transfer will continue if the church has positive year-to-date net income.

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

(Treasurer's Report Continued)

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.

June Council Meeting Highlights

June 17, 2020

- June 14 was the first in-person Sunday service since we started videotaping the worship service. There were 30 attending at 8:30 and 39 attending at 10:30. Communion with prefilled cups went well and there was special guitar music throughout. The preparation that went into having in-person services made everyone feel safe. The live stream will continue to be available on YouTube.
- Virtual VBS is being planned. Registration will be online and this year it will be free. Possible dates are: July 6-11, July 20-25, August 3-8. Contact Josiah for more information or if you would like to volunteer at (949) 858-0307, Ext 114.
- Backpacking is being planned for mid-July.
- Parish Life is looking at ideas to get together, but keep everyone safe with social distancing. Perhaps we could do a Zoom gathering or a hiking field trip. Contact Heidi Wolfson with your suggestions and thoughts.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Marty by email.

Pastor Marty's email is pastormartyclcrsm@gmail.com



Caught Serving...

To Linda Bullock for watering our outdoor potted plants.

To Church Council Members - Pete Mowery, Deborah Sundberg, and Elke Hirschman for organizing our in person Sunday Worship.

To Rich Morgan for filming our YouTube Sunday Worship.

Greetings from the Parish Life Committee!

Dear friends in Christ,

I pray that you are staying healthy and well and I do look forward to the day when I can organize some fun and fellowship for us again! I have some ideas so as soon as the Council decides we can gather on the patio a little more freely, then I'll set some things on the calendar.

In the meantime, I have been working behind the scenes taking booth reservations for the Harvest Boutique in the hopes that we can have that. We already have new vendors signed up as well as some of our regulars. It is no trouble for us to look ahead with a positive outlook and while making new friends in the meantime! If we are not able to do it, we will simply refund everyone. If you are wanting to shop for anything in particular, I'll be happy to send you a list of vendors. I have already bought myself a new Easter wreath, patriotic wreath, and some new cosmetics through Arbonne! No need to worry about going into stores for shopping when we have a host of wonderful products and talent at our fingertips! And don't forget you can still support the small coffee growers. The magnitude of this shut down affects everyone and our friend Dave at Good Hands Imports lost 90% of his business which means those small farmers are hurting as well.

Do you have any ideas for our church family? Let me know and I'll see what I can do!

Blessings in Christ,

Heidi Wolfson



The Card Making Outreach to Park Terrace Continues

We just dropped off the kits for the Independence Day cards! These 28 residents look forward to our support. Sure, they can order activities from various sources, but in these times where they are shut off from the world, a personal thing created for them from a body of church members has so much more meaning! Each kit has a card for the resident from CLC and has the supplies to make three more cards. They look forward to each kit! Are you wondering how you can get involved in this outreach? There are several ways you can help! We can use envelopes sized to fit a 4 1/4 x 5 1/5 inch card or larger and gift bags to package the kits. Perhaps you'd like to get involved in prepping the cards, making the samples, or helping with

the cost of materials. And we can all pray for them and for all of those who are in these homes suddenly shut off from family and friends. Contact Heidi Wolfson at wolfsons@mac.com or at home at 459-1828.

Youth & Family Activities

Hello CLC Family,

As we begin to move into summer, I am grateful for the opportunities over the past few months to connect virtually and through social distancing drive by hellos! I am beyond grateful for all the kindness and thoughtfulness from our families, children, and our youth.

Having the opportunity to meet with our Jr. and Sr. High youth and young adults in person over the past few weeks has been great! It has been the highlight of my day! Having the chance to reconnect and get to know each other through fellowship, devotion, prayer, and laughter has been reenergizing for the soul! Thank you, families for entrusting us with your kids.

As we continue to connect this summer, we will continue to meet in person, following and honoring the guidelines set before us. Our priority is keeping your kids safe by providing them a safe and fun environment rooted in Christ and growing together in our faith.

We look forward to our virtual VBS. It is shaping into our own little VBS TV show. We have a bunch of youth and young adults helping us create fun engaging videos that we will be posting for free for every family to enjoy!

We will also have some in person VBS opportunities for your kids. This Summer we are offering free VBS and you can sign up online!

Keep us in prayer as we go on a Big Bear hiking trip on July 15th-18th with our Sr. High youth and young adults. Include us in your prayers as we enjoy a time of hiking, fellowship, devotion, conversation and prayer.

Again, thank you for your keeping Jesus as the center of your children's lives during this difficult time. Some days are easier than others. Through it all, please know that I am keeping you all in prayer.

Peace and Joy in Christ always,

Josiah Canto

Director of Youth and Family Ministry,



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY & AUGUST 2020

At this time, ALL participation for “FOCUS” VBS 2020 at Community Lutheran Church will be done virtually. However, in the event that the proper guidelines have been approved by the State of California and the County of Orange, there will be an option for children grades 1st – 5th to participate in-person in a small group setting (see below for more information).

DATES

There are 3 weeks to choose from for VBS this year. The weeks run Monday – Saturday.

July 6th – July 11th

July 20th – July 25th

August 3rd – August 8th

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

We are committed to ensuring that children have a great time experiencing everything that they would normally do during our weeklong VBS. Our kids will get to experience Bible stories, music, crafts, games and even snacks for a fun family experience!

OPTIONAL IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

It is our hope that we will be able to provide small group experiences during each VBS week. In the event the proper guidelines have been approved by the State of California and the County of Orange, we will have the option for children to participate in a small group setting at Community Lutheran Church.

TO SIGN-UP

Please visit <https://clcrsm.org/vacation-bible-school> and click on the link to register. If you would like to volunteer please register there as well. Attached is a VBS form if you wish to register with the form instead.

Community Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School 2020



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A SEPARATE FORM IS NEEDED FOR EACH CHILD.

Registration closes one week prior to the start of the VBS week or sooner if spaces fill up.

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Child's name _____ Age _____ Grade/Class in Fall _____

**If you have more than one child participating, please complete one form per child.*

Parent name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Emergency phone _____

How did you hear about VBS? _____

Where does your family attend church? _____

In case of a medical emergency the VBS director is authorized to call 911 for emergency medical treatment. **Signature of Parent/ Guardian** _____

REGISTRATION FEE: VBS 2020 is FREE for every child!

Optional VBS Donation

We are not asking for registration fees for this year's VBS, it will be provided for free. If you would like to make a contribution, it will go directly to support VBS supplies and music CD's. Thank you for your prayerful consideration

Jr and Sr High Youth Ministry

This summer we will be focusing on reconnecting, having time of fellowship, devotional and prayer time with one another. We will be keeping it simple and weather permitting, we will gather around the fire pit. As our summer continues and new opportunities arise, we will keep you informed and updated. Once we enter August, we will keep you apprised of gatherings for our youth and young adults.



Jr. High In Person Youth Group Wednesday Nights Join us on the back patio behind the church office

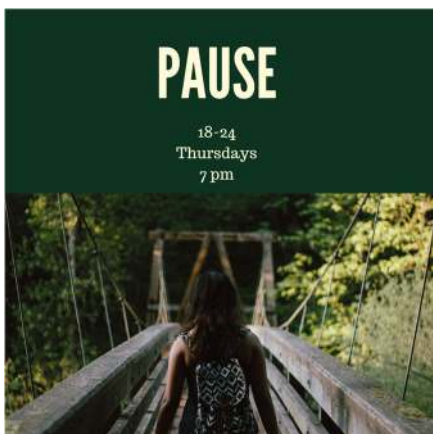
July 1st 6-7 pm
July 8th 6-7 pm
July 22nd 6-7 pm
July 29th 6-7 pm

Sr. High In Person Youth Group Tuesday Nights Join us on the back patio behind the church office

July 7th 7-8:30 pm
July 21st 7-8:30 pm
July 28th 7-8:30 pm



Young Adults



Pause In Person For Ages 18-24 Thursday Nights Join us on the back patio behind the church office

July 9th 7-8:30 pm
July 23rd 7-8:30 pm
July 30th 7-8:30 pm

Connect In Person
For Ages 25 or Older
Sunday Nights
Join us on the back patio behind the church office

July 5th 7-8:30 pm
July 12th 7-8:30 pm
July 19th 7-8:30 pm
July 26th 7-8:30 pm



Even though we will not be meeting this summer.....the LWR Quilting Ministry continues in our homes.

There are quilt tops to sew, to tie, and to bind. If you would like to help us or have any questions please contact: Kathy Anderson 970.776.9074 kathyquilter1217@gmail.com

AMAZING FACES

Our face mask ministry is winding down. There are still a few kits left to complete. The instructions are easy to follow and all the fabric has been precut! The kits are in the CLC office.

We would like to have all masks **RETURNED BY AUGUST 1st**. Then we will bundle the 500 masks and send to Lutheran World Relief.

THANK YOU to all who have given your time and talent to make these colorful masks.....wonder where they will go!

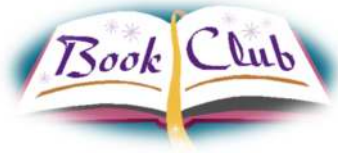
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No get-togethers this summer.

We hope to start this fall.
Stay safe and stay healthy!



The Book Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 13th. We will be meeting via **ZOOM** once again in July. For July only, we are planning to start at **6:30pm**. We will discuss logistics for future meetings when we meet on July 13th. Anyone who would like to participate in the July meeting should contact Julie Draper ([jadrapr59@gmail.com](mailto:jadraper59@gmail.com)) for the **ZOOM** meeting information.

On July 13th, we will be discussing *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. In this book we meet Cussy Mary Carter who is one of the blue-skinned people of Troublesome Creek, Kentucky where life during the depression years is tough. Cussy is also part of President Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project. Cussy loves bringing the joy of reading to the people of Appalachia at the same time she faces age-old prejudices because of the color of her skin.

Upcoming Books:

August 10	<u><i>Midnight at the Blackbird Café</i></u>	by Heather Web
September 14	<u><i>What Alice Forgot</i></u>	by Liane Moriarty
October 12	<u><i>The Flight Girls</i></u>	by Noelle Salazar
November 9	<u><i>The Giver of Stars</i></u>	by JoJo Moyes

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.



Christ Caring for People through People is the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis - and who isn't these days in our ever-changing world. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders - Pat Weber, Kimmarie Sorensen, Gay Chessell, Kevin Peterson or Brent Anderson. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!