



The Buzz ...

The newsletter for Christ Lutheran Church



Christ Lutheran Church is a community of Love where all are welcome and hearts are healed.

November, 2015

Welcoming Pastor Keith Miller!

Although many of you know already that Pastor Keith has been with us filling in on worship leadership, we officially welcome him in our ministry and community. To help you get to know him better, some background information is given below:

Pastor Keith and his wife Kim are native Southern Californians. They have two daughters (Marissa-27 and Michelle-22) in their almost 35 years of marriage. Marissa is married to her high school sweetheart and lives in the Denver area while Michelle is finishing her last semester at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, scheduled to graduate at the end of next month. Kim is Director of Human Resources for Zodiac Manufacturing located in Carson.

Pastor Keith has a B.A. degree in Business Administration from Cal State at Fullerton and a Master of Divinity degree after attending Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. He was in the banking industry for 12 years prior to responding to his calling to seminary. He was ordained in 1996 and served his first church in Lakewood, California. In 2002 he accepted a call as parish pastor in Grand Junction, Colorado, at American LC where he concentrated on Youth ministry and added a new third service opportunity. He returned to California (although northern) to serve Grace Lutheran Church in Ukiah for six years where he helped to start a community garden, began an advanced 3-year Bible study, taught various classes on Lutheran studies, and grew stewardship in the church from 1% to 10% benevolence giving.

In 2013, Pastor Keith and Kim returned to Southern California to care for parents and siblings where they now currently reside in La Mirada. Last year, Pastor Keith did a six-month interim for the Pacifica Synod and various pulpit supply Sundays with Pacifica and Southwest synods. Pastor Keith has stated: "I am excited about the opportunity to help the members of Christ through the holiday season in their need for pastoral care, and pray I can have an impact on their faith journeys. Praise God always!"

Council has Busy Meeting

Highlights of the meeting:

- Established the committee to explore the possible uses of the property. John Hamilton will chair. Other members are Mark Lowry, Allan Walker, Paula Stallman, and Marianne Hamilton.
- Discussed nominations for 2016 council. Three positions are open: Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large.
- Officially approved the working agreement with Pastor Miller. (See the following page for the contract.)
- Approved letting UPS put a PODS unit in our back parking lot for 2 months, starting in mid-November.
- Set December 7 as a meeting date for 2016 budget planning.
- Approved an amendment to the Mary House rental agreement.

Preschool Homeless Bags

You can help the preschool service project by filling a tote bag with food items for a Thanksgiving dinner. The bags may be picked up in the Narthex (back of church). Items needed are listed on the bags. The bags need to be returned by *November 18* to the preschool. Any contributions are appreciated.

COA Activities

See Dixie today for flyers describing COA activities that CLC can participate in. Good stuff.



Job openings at CLC

Some opportunities to serve are still open. Where might you fit in? Training will be offered.

- Volunteer in the office one day a week.
- Monitor and purchase office supplies.
- Count and deposit the weekly offering
- Run for council in January.
- Other service opportunities exist.

Where can your talents best be used?

Prayer List

Compassionate God, we pray for all those who are struggling in body, mind or spirit. Grant them a sense of your peace. In Jesus name. Amen

Elaine Archer, *(on the death of her husband, Buddy)*

Avis Gerard, *(broken wrist)*

Jeremy McCarney *(search for employment)*

Olen Lowry and family, *cancer*

Manny Medina, Peterson's son-in-law, *health issues*

Marie Berger, Linda Peterson's friend, *hip surgery*

Lea Walker, *recovering from surgery*

Laura Patrick, *death of her father*

Tina Riechers and family, *death of her mother*

Cody Brown, *(cancer)*

Ken Anderson *(Cancer)*

Marienne Hamilton

Patti Philips, friend of Roger Johnson, *(heart problems)*

Ida Savage, Lea Walker's sister *(Cancer)*

Jordan Walker

Nick Walker

John Wolfe

Our Bishops and synod staff

Preschool Staff & Families

Puerta de Paz

Our Nation's Leaders

US Armed Forces and First-Responders

Child S.H.A.R.E. (foster care)

People impacted by natural disasters

Contact Alan Leonard to make changes to the Prayer List

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Calendar of Events

Dec.2: Christmas Tea (Watch for details)

Dec. 7: Budget meeting

Dec. 9: Church Council Meeting

Dec. 11: Preschool fundraiser: Christmas Train

Jan. 23: Elaine Archer Piano Recital

Increase Your Knowledge of the Bible

Every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 a group meets in the Fireside Room to discuss the Gospel of the Day. The class is led by Alan Leonard who poses thought-provoking questions. The participants are encouraged to express their own thoughts and ideas that the text inspires in them. The discussions can be lively and informative. There is always room for more. Come, add your voice to the conversation.

Every Sunday Schedule

9:30 Adult Bible Study

10:30: Worship Service with Holy Communion

11:30: Fellowship after church

November Birthday

11 Laura Patrick

December Birthdays

3 Kristen Matsumoto

15 Haley Noorani

23 Alan Leonard

27 Allan Walker

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Please call ahead for appointment.

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