



## Christ Lutheran Church

*A Christ-caring  
community*

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# Focus on Christ

May 23, 2010 – Pentecost!



## Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Pentecost, “50<sup>th</sup> day” of Easter, is the festival of the release of the Holy Spirit, who is to be the Counselor, Comforter, and Teacher of the faithful, and at the same time, it is the festival that marks the beginning of the Christian church and its mission. Pentecost continues to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but with an added dimension: the Lord has kept his promise to send the Spirit to empower his people and his church; and he has done so and continues to do so. The church not only prays, “Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!” but the church is to be concerned for the care of all creation. Directed by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to engage in the work of preserving the earth and all things in and on it.

Today introduces the Pentecost cycle, the longest season of the church year extending to the First Sunday of Advent. This cycle/season is called the ‘time of the church’, a period for growth that is symbolized by the color green. It is a season to GROW, to mature in the faith, for integrating into our lives what has been disclosed to us in the Gospel during the first half of the year. We will focus our attention on the marks of discipleship that helps us grow in our faith. We will be moving to the liturgy written by Arlin Aasness, “Even as Christ Loved us”. The rich words of this liturgy will inspire us to love and serve others as Christ loved and served humankind. It is GREEN-LIGHT time! Let’s GO and GROW!

## **NEXT WEEK, Sunday, May 30 is Trinity Sunday**

Psalm 8:1 reads, “O LORD our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth!”



## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*A Note from ELCA Bishop Mark Hansen*

From now until June 30, faithful ELCA members will match your gift dollar-for-dollar, up to at total of \$15,000! That means your gift of \$50 will be matched with the donors’ matching gift of \$50 to provide \$100 for ministry. A gift of \$100 will be matched with \$100 to provide \$200, and son on.

God’s love takes us to amazing places. Thank you for the places where you serve this church. I am blessed by your ministry and am so grateful for your ongoing financial stewardship through your congregation and your direct gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission.

# The weeks to come

|                |   |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Mon., May 24   | 9 AM – 2 PM<br>7 PM                           | Senior Center<br>Yoga  |
| Tues., May 25  | 1:30 PM<br>3:30 PM<br>7 PM                    | UCC Bible Study<br>Vale Service<br>AA meeting                                |
| Wed., May 26   | 7 PM<br>8 PM                                  | Handbell Rehearsal<br>Chancel Choir  |
| Thurs., May 27 | 7:30 PM                                       | UCC Choir  |
| Sat., May 29   | 9 AM<br>6 PM                                  | Yoga<br>AA Meeting   |
| Sun., May 30   | 10 AM<br>12 PM<br>7 PM                        | Worship Service<br>UCC Mira Vista<br>Al-Anon                                 |
| Mon., May 31   | <b>Memorial Day</b><br>NO Senior Center today |  |
|                | 4:30 PM<br>7 PM                               | Cub Scouts<br>Yoga   |
| Tues., June 1  | 1:30 PM<br>3:30 PM<br>4:30 PM<br>7 PM         | UCC Bible Study<br>Vale Service<br>Girl Scouts<br>AA meeting                 |
| Thur., June 3  | 6 PM<br>7:30 PM                               | Relay for Life<br>UCC Choir  |
| Sat., June 5   | 9 AM<br>10:30 AM<br>6 PM                      | Yoga<br>UCC Study<br>AA Meeting  |
| Sun., June 6   | 10 AM<br>12 PM<br>2 PM<br>7 PM                | Worship Service<br>UCC Mira Vista<br><i>Margaret Cole Recital</i><br>Al-Anon |

**Reminder:** Tuesday, June 8, elections will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

## We're moving our businesses

- *Jan Snidow*, hair stylist and member of CLC owns *Mane Alley*. She has moved her shop to 1859-A Solano Avenue Berkeley.
- *Ellen Graves*, member of CLC owns *Knit 2 Together* (also known as K2 Tog). She is moving her shop June 1 to 1325 Solano Avenue, Albany.



## Congratulations to our family of Graduates

- **Emily Springhart**, daughter of Helen Cardiff, granddaughter of Virginia Mueller, graduating from Alliant University with her Master's in Education.
- **Michael Tieku**, son of Amy Tieku, graduating from El Cerrito High School.
- **Ariella Bjelland**, daughter of Lori Bjelland, graduating from El Cerrito High School.
- **Chris Pangelina**, son of Laurie & John Pangelina, graduating from the University of Oregon with his Bachelor of Science in Political Science and a minor in Business Administration.
- **Molly Montgomery**, granddaughter of Betty Montgomery, graduating from Bishop O'Dowd High School. Molly is the Valedictorian of her class.
- **Allyson Jagoda**, daughter of Sue Jagoda, graduating from Avon Lake High School in Avon Lake, Ohio.
- **Greyson Schultz**, son of Corinne Schultz, graduating with honors 4<sup>th</sup> in his class from Salesian High School. Greyson will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall.
- **Caitlin Olsen**, daughter of JP & Melissa Vainio, graduating from Pinole Middle School and will be attending Pinole Valley High School in the fall.
- **Isaac Barton**, son of John & Lauren Barton, promoting from Kindergarten from Lupine Hills Elementary school in Hercules.
- **Joel Quiros**, son of Ken & Denise Quiros, promoting from sixth grade at Ellerhorst Elementary and will be attending Pinole Middle School in the fall.



## Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. John and Cindy McCoy would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Brandi Nicole to Cobey David Williamson, son of Ms. Pamela van Kirk and Mr. David Williamson. The wedding is Saturday, June 12 in Kennewick, Washington. Congratulations Brandi and Cobey!  
If you would like to send cards, they can be sent to 211 S. Bermuda Road, Kennewick, WA 99338-8319.

## CLC wants to celebrate YOU...

|        |                              |        |                                   |
|--------|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| May 18 | George Fosselius             | May 30 | Paula Meader                      |
| May 19 | John Pangelina               | June 2 | Ben Dinstein                      |
| May 20 | Mark Guthrie & Chris Hill    | June 2 | Mitchel & Silke Evans Anniversary |
|        | Anniversary                  | June 3 | Lauren & John Barton Anniversary  |
| May 25 | Earl Dolven                  | June 3 | Karen Hagspiel                    |
|        | JP Vainio                    |        | Anne Ireland                      |
| May 25 | <i>Anniversaries of:</i>     | June 4 | Diane Low                         |
|        | Lysle Patterson & Ken Reid   |        | Kati Fosselius                    |
|        | Philip Young & Arlin Aasness | June 7 | Sylvia Gott                       |
| May 29 | Isaac Christopher Barton     | June 8 | Randy Stevens                     |

## Prayer Booklets

The Prayer Booklets have been updated to include the new community members and are now available in the Narthex. Pick one up for yourself. For those of you who do not know about our prayer books, they are daily prayers for people in our Christ Lutheran community. They are free and available to everyone who would like one.

### Financial update as of 05/16/2010

**General:** actual \$64,477, needed \$60,158  
**HARP:** actual \$3,090, needed \$3,692