



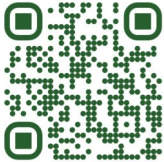
# *The Clarion*

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WELCOME TO  
CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN/IGLESIA LUTERANA



Worship Services  
Sunday at 9:30 (English)  
Domingos at 11:30 (Español)

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## SATURDAY — SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5 - 6

### MEET OUR NEXT SENIOR PASTOR

We are happy to report that the call committee has completed their work, and the congregational council is recommending a candidate to serve as our next senior pastor. The candidate will be introduced to the congregation and you will have an opportunity to meet the candidate at a meet and greet gathering on **Saturday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m.** at the church.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This letter also serves as an official announcement of a congregational meeting to be held on **Sunday, October 6 at 10:45 a.m.**, between worship services. The only agenda items will be extending the call to the recommended pastor and approving the compensation package.

Please plan to be present for this important step in our journey!

Gary Jaus, Congregational President

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### THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

Beginning in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service.

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## SYMBOLISM IN OUR SANCTUARY

Last month you read about the symbolism of the Dalle de Verre glass windows that adorn our sanctuary and that portray our beliefs. The same page in the 1984 pictorial directory continues with descriptions of the symbolism of other important objects in our sanctuary.

### THE ALTAR

The focal point of our worship is the Altar. It is the symbol of God's presence in the church. It is here that we come with our thanksgiving and praise and here also we receive the forgiveness of sins through the Sacrament of the altar. Significant is the fact that the altar can be approached from all sides.



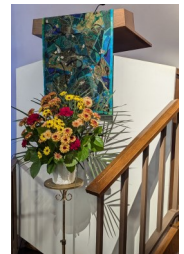
### THE CROSS

The empty Cross signifies our Risen Lord. The Altar Cross passes through the center of the Altar to a height of more than 20 feet. Beneath the Altar it becomes part of the "Chi-Rho" symbol which combines the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The message of the Cross is also proclaimed from the top of the exterior tower which rises 90 feet above the ground. (Some decades ago, the interior Cross was relocated to the ascending wall behind the Altar.)



### THE PULPIT

"Wherever the Gospel is rightly preached and the Sacraments rightly administered, there the Church is." The Pulpit symbolizes the authority of the Church to preach the Word of God.



### THE BAPTISMAL FONT

To the right of the chancel (the area surrounding the Altar) and on the floor of the nave (the remainder of the sanctuary back to the glass wall) is the Baptismal Font symbolizing our entrance into life with God as his children. (At one time fixed in position, the Font is now movable.)



### THE CANDLES

The two Candles symbolize the two natures of Christ-His divine nature and his human nature. Light is shed by the Candles and this reminds us of the Light Christ sheds abroad to all the world.



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### THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

This Light burns continually and symbolizes the Eternal Light of God.



### THE EXTERIOR OPEN BOOK

Our Lord said, “Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” This message is communicated to all passers-by through the 25 foot



high open book standing at the very entrance to the Church. The abstract figure of Christ with hands outstretched beckons worshipers to come to Him. This element together with the exterior Cross helps to unify the message of the exterior and interior of the building.

### GOD’S PEOPLE

With all the Symbolism adorning our beautiful sanctuary we must always proclaim that WE are the Church, and as such, WE must remember that WE are commanded by Jesus Himself: “Go—and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And remember. I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20.)

Bill Fredericks

### LECTERN/ PULPIT FLOWERS ON SUNDAY

The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or you can call Tanya to put your name on it. The cost of the flowers is \$50; a separate check made out to CLC is preferred. Please write the word “flowers” on the envelope if you drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. You can pick them up on Monday; if not, please call Tanya by Tuesday morning and let her know so someone else can enjoy them. Thank you for the continued financial support of flowers for Sunday services.



### MISSION QUILTERS

**Mission Quilters** continue to meet at the home of Ruth Andersen. ALL are welcome. For information on which Saturdays and time we are quilting, contact Ruth Andersen at 858-408-5194. Come all day, for an hour or two, for lunch around Noon, or just stop by to say “Hi” and see what we do.



**GATHER MAGAZINE  
BIBLE STUDY**

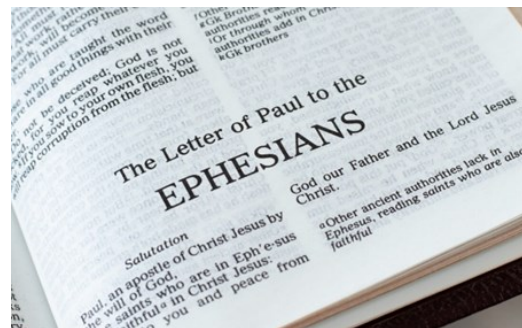
**Fall 2024 “Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians”**

**by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp**

**OCTOBER - Session Two: God’s power works in us**

What did the writer of Ephesians imagine grace would look like in Christian life and relationships? How can we live from grace in our own time, reading this letter through our cultural lenses and experiences?

Focus Verse: “[God’s] power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.” (Ephesians 3:20)



ALL are invited to attend the *Gather* Bible Study:

**Ruth Bible Study:** Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1.  
Bible Study Leader is Ruth Andersen

**Patience Bible Study:** Monday, October 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4.  
Bible Study leader is Karen Creusere.

**Sunday, October 6**

Thankoffering Sunday with annual Blessing of the Mission Quilts.

**October 18-19** – Pacifica Women of the ELCA Annual Gathering.  
Spirit of Our Savior Lutheran Church, San Bernardino.

**Monday, October 21** – Ingathering of Mission Quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

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**Thankoffering** (Continued from Page 1)

The concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World Thankoffering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years. In the Lutheran tradition, the General Synod’s Women’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society created their first Thankoffering service in 1889 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization.

At Clairemont Lutheran/Iglesia Luterana we combine Thankoffering and Blessing of the Mission Quilts on a Sunday in October. Everyone is encouraged to participate. This year 130 quilts are displayed.

## TOMY OREGON'S STORY TO CITIZENSHIP

My name is Tomy Oregon. I want to share with you my experience of becoming a U.S Citizen. I will admit that I was nervous going into this process but to my surprise it was not as challenging as I expected. I dedicated a lot of time memorizing the history questions that I was expected to know along with practicing the reading and writing section of the interview. I was never good at taking tests and so having to complete this interview made me very nervous. Despite this I had faith that God would help me through this process.

On the day of the interview, I passed the exam with flying colors. I was then given a date to return for my ceremony where I would be given my citizenship document. It was such an emotional experience, one that I will never forget. All I can say to all my brothers and sisters is to not lose faith and hope. Continue to pursue your dreams and take a leap of faith to become a citizen of this great country.



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## WHAT'S UP WITH THE LAWN?

The old clean outs are repaired, two new clean outs have been installed, and 90 feet of sewer pipe has been lined – leaving us with a huge plot of bare dirt in front of the church.

We intend to repair the irrigation pipes broken by the pine tree roots and re-seed or re-sod to get grass back for our gatherings, but not immediately. James has to trench from Kleefield St. across the lawn/dirt patch to the new fellowship hall to lay pipes for gas and water within the next month or so, rendering it pointless to repair the lawn only to have James dig it up again.

We will also have to have a crane which will probably have to go up on the lawn to get down three large I-beams and a steel catwalk from the covered entryway at the front of the church that supported the AT&T cell tower before the tower was removed. These structures are bolted only a couple of inches away from the roof, and we cannot re-roof that leaking area until they are gone.



## The Status of Our Stained-Glass Windows

By Gary Jaus

On Monday, September 23, 2024, a three-person work crew from the *Scottish Stained Glass Company (SSG)* arrived from Colorado to begin the process of removing six of our most weathered and damaged stained-glass windows.

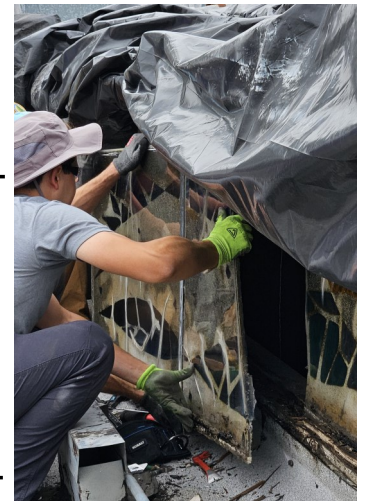
According to SSG, the style of glass utilized on our roof is titled, “Dalle De Verre Glass.” SSG believed our Dalle De Verre Glass was manufactured more than sixty years ago during the erection of the new sanctuary in 1962. In a report SSG previously sent to the Church Council, they described the typical process for how Dalle De Verre Glass was manufactured.

Quoting SSG, “Dalle De Verre Glass is typically manufactured with 1-inch-thick glass and a  $\frac{3}{4}$ ” to  $\frac{5}{8}$ ” inch thick epoxy matrix coated in roofing granules. The thick epoxy serves as the structure and bonding agent, making for an incredibly rigid and resilient window.”

After their initial assessment, SSG concluded that our church windows were not constructed in that manner. Instead, our windows were made with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ’ roofing granule/fiberglass matrix bonded to a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” exterior acrylic. With this type of construction, the entire structural stability of the window was solely dependent on the condition of the acrylic and unfortunately acrylic tends to deteriorate in the weather and sun over time. It’s important to note that SSG was not critical of the way our windows were constructed. Though they couldn’t definitively say, they believed it reasonable that the construction methods utilized six decades ago were based on the knowledge available at that time.

Once the SSG crew arrived on-site, they disassembled the windows and removed them from their worn and weathered wooden frames. They had anticipated only being able to remove (6) windows in the time they allotted for being in San Diego, but the removal of the windows was not as difficult as they anticipated. Hence, they were able to remove additional windows which will save the church the expense of an additional trip to San Diego.

After the windows were removed, it became obvious the window frames that held the windows had deteriorated to a significant degree. You can see the deterioration in some of the included pictures. Lorri Carlsen is searching to identify an expert window framer. You can also see in the photos the cracked acrylic which is what led to the windows leaking. And the rain leaking through the windows was a substantial contributor to the deteriorating wood frames.



**Windows**—Continued from page 6

SSG has secured the window openings with plywood and will have shipped the windows back to their workshop by the time you read this article. In SSG's workshop, our windows will be tested for their separation from the acrylic and eventually rebuilt with the more traditional thick epoxy pour. They will then be brought back by SSG and reinstalled.



Ready to ship!

We, the Council, will keep the congregation informed of the progress and timeline of this important project. In the meantime, your contributions whether big or small are all important. Thank you for your contributions to date and in the future.

Our windows were made in a way the stained glass window people have never seen before. The artist glued the glass dalles to 1/4" acrylic, then glued a thin layer of roofing compound mixed with fiberglass in between the glass dalles. Acrylic doesn't hold up to sunlight very well, and these windows are on the sunny side of the church. This is also the side of the church that storms blows into.



The picture (above) is a closeup of the outside of the window, showing where someone at some point in time someone tried to seal the cracks in the windows with silicone - and you can see cracks extending past the "repair". We will have to have the window openings re-framed as the wood has decayed from improperly applied mastic holding water next to the wood.

One of windows cracked into two pieces when it was being very gently pried out. (Left)



## Church Business

### June. July, August



Financial Report 2024								
	Income				Expenses			
	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget
June	\$77,576	\$46,203	\$275,193	\$209,770	\$42,440	\$38,063	\$235,218	\$237,378
July	\$29,329	\$31,203	\$304,321	\$240,973	\$30,311	\$38,213	\$265,529	\$275,591
August	\$41,966	\$31,203	\$346,488	\$272,177	\$65,632	\$37,613	\$331,161	\$313,205
August net income	-\$23,666				2024 YTD Net income \$15,326			
	*sewer pipe repair, clean outs, 1/2 payment on windows				*net income includes Roof Repair funds from June			

### 36th Annual Pacifica WELCA Convention & Gathering, October 18-19, 2024

Spirit of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
San Bernardino

#### LOVE GIFT WISH LIST

#### Pequeno Mundo Especial Orphanage (Special Little World)

Rice, Beans, Sugar, Laundry Soap,  
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Cereals  
(Cheerios, Corn Flakes, Chex, Special-  
K, and Oatmeal)

Support for School tuition payments  
Support for water and electricity pay-  
ments

They need sponsors for tuition. The kids  
have disabilities and cannot attend a  
public school. The cost for each child is  
around \$180 to \$200 a month.

**THERE IS A BOX BY THE WELCA  
SIGN FOR ALL DONATIONS.**

### Calling all Bunco players!

**When: 2nd Friday every month.**

**Where: Narthex**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.**

**All are welcome.**

**October 11 at 1:00 p.m.**



**NOVEMBER  
CLARION DEADLINE**  
Sunday, October 20 @ 4 p.m.  
harrietmorris@cox.net



# CLC Volunteer Schedule - October 2024



## Lay Readers

- 10/6 Emilie Lauchmen
- 10/13 Lili Munoz
- 10/20 Carol Nichols
- 10/27 Arlene Riordan



## Communion Assistants

- 10/6 Holly Boyle, Rita Leatherman, Pam Allen
- 10/13 Gary Lange, Holly Boyle Harriet Carmona ,  
Arlene Riordan
- 10/20 Carol Nichols, Holly Boyle , Rita Leatherman
- 10/27 Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Jaus, Aida Jaus, Pam Allen



## Welcome Team

- 10/6 Pam Allen, Sandra Logan, Curtis Cline
- 10/13 Janet Wood, Emilie Lauchmen, Gary Lange
- 10/20 Pam Allen, Janet Wood, Sandra Logan
- 10/27 Renee Shepard, Harriet Carmona, Kathy Reed



- 10/6 LeRoy Bannach / Ruth Andersen
- 10/13 Allen family
- 10/20 Janet Wood
- 10/27 Jaus family



Linda	Isley	10-2
Karen	Marohn	10-2
Daniel	Solomon	10-3
Clyde	Prem	10-3
Jeremiah	Purba	10-4
Robin	Pistelak	10-7
Leonard	Sonnenberg	10-9
Bonnie	Jackson	10-11
Betty	Black	10-11
Kurt	McCauley	10-11
Elaine	Erickson	10-11
Tim	Neal	10-11
Linda	Juengel	10-13
Barbara	Fiorrina	10-14
Anna	Bailey	10-14
Crystal	Reece	10-17
Ruth	Andersen	10-19
Linda	Wolfenden	10-21
Janet	Wood	10-21
Sandy	McCauley	10-22
Sandra	Higgins	10-23
Kathy	Olson	10-23
Gabriel	Morales	10-26
Arlene	Riordan	10-27
David	Jorstad	10-28
Adrian	Mendoza	10-28
Sandra	Logan	10-29
Vianney	Dotts	10-30
Lydia	Gomez	10-31

## Media Team

- 10/6 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 10/13 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 10/20 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 10/27 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little



**Altar Guild**

**Peggy Ritchie  
& Holly Boyle**

*If you are not on this list and celebrate a birthday in October please contact the office to update our info.*



# O · G · T · O · B · E · R

# 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	2 4:00pm Stephen min.	3 8:00am Sandwich Min. 1:00pm AA Meeting 2-3:30pm Southern Care group 5:30- 6:30 Cherubs Choir	4 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	5 7:00am SA 11:00am Meet and greet with the candidate.
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<b>6 ThanksOffering</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30 Birthday cake 10:45am Congregational meeting 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 1:15pm Rise & Shine 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship	<b>7</b> 1:00pm AA 4:15-5pm Cherub Choir, 5-6pm Glee Choir, 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:30- 9pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 1:00pm AA 4:30pm Evangelism team 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:15pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 12-2:30pm Southern Care group Faith Food and Fellowship 5-6pm English bible study, food 6-7pm, & 8 pm Spanish bible study	<b>10</b> 8:00am Sandwich Min. 1:00pm AA Meeting 10:00am Ruth's bible study 2-3:30pm Southern Care group 5:30- 6:30 Cherubs Choir	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Bunco 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	<b>12</b> 7:00am SA
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<b>27 Reformation Sunday</b> 10:00am Bilingual service 1:15pm Rise & shine 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship	<b>28</b> 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study, 4:15-5pm Cherub Choir, 5-6pm Glee Choir, 6:30pm Scouts 6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:30- 9pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>29</b> 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 6:30pm Cub scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>30</b> Faith Food and Fellowship 5-6pm English bible study, food 6-7pm, & 8 pm Spanish bible study	<b>31</b> 8:00am Sandwich Min. 1:00pm AA Meeting 2-3:30pm Southern Care group 5:30- 6:30 Cherubs Choir		
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