



# The Clarion

Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God's grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.

Welcome to

## CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH IGLESIA LUTERANA



### DUST, HOPE, AND NEW BEGINNINGS: PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Dear Church Family,

As we step into Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, I want to invite all of us—kids, teens, adults, and grandparents alike—on a meaningful journey together.

Ash Wednesday reminds us of something simple and true: life is a gift. The ashes aren't about sadness; they're about honesty and hope. We remember that we're not perfect, and God's love meets us right there. Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter, a time to slow down, make room for God, and practice small habits that help us grow.

Here are a few ways to engage this season:

- Pause daily: Take two minutes each day to breathe, pray, or thank God for one good thing.
- Give something up: Maybe it's screen time before bed, sugary snacks, or gossip. Let the space remind you to lean on God.



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

English – 9:30 am  
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**CLARION DEADLINE**  
Friday March 20 @ 4 p.m.

Add something in: A simple scripture reading, a family prayer at dinner, a weekly act of kindness for a neighbor or classmate.

Practice generosity: Consider a Lenten gift—time, attention, or resources—to bless someone in need.

**Kids:** You can draw one thing you're thankful for each day.

**Teens:** Try a social media “Sabbath” one night a week.

**Adults:** Choose a short devotional and stick with it.

**Seniors:** Share a story of faith with someone younger; it might be exactly what they need.

**A simple family challenge:** Pick a “Lent word” each week—like patience, kindness, courage—and look for one way to live it out together. Share stories at dinner or bedtime.

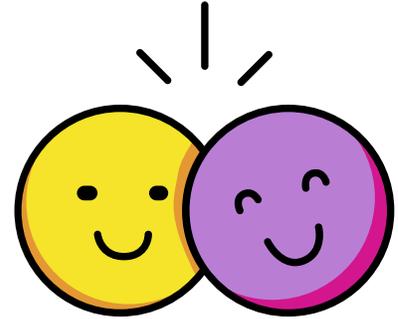
Most of all, remember, Lent isn't a test. It's an invitation. We're walking toward Easter together, step by step, with Jesus leading us in grace. Let's show up with open hearts, encourage one another, and look for God's quiet surprises along the way.

May this season teach us to walk a little slower, listen a little deeper, and love a little wider. I'm praying for you. See you on Ash Wednesday.

**COME AS YOU ARE. THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU HERE.**

With love and hope,

*Pastor Manuel*



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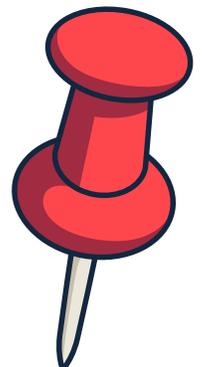
## Share Your Stories with The Clarion!

Have photos, event highlights, ministry updates, or personal reflections?

We'd love to include them in The Clarion! Help us tell the story of our church community.

✉ Send submissions to: [clarion.editor@clairemontlc.org](mailto:clarion.editor@clairemontlc.org)

📅 **Monthly deadline: the 20th**



## Why do we “Pass the Peace?”

By Bill Fredericks

*Luke 18:<sup>15</sup>People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

It was the first Sunday of 2026; the portion of the service when the congregation “Passes the peace.” As usual, I left my front row pew to pass blessings. But before I walked only a few steps, I felt a hand behind me holding my hand in peace. When I turned to share the blessing, it was three-year-old Maura. She had left her own front row pew and greeted me in love. In her innocence, Maura did what Jesus taught; what he calls everyone to do: “Love one another.” We must follow her example.



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Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

If you are a woman and a member of CLC/ILC, then you are automatically a member of WELCA. Men are also welcome to participate in our various activities.

Some of our ministries/activities include: the Mission Quilters; the Piece & Sew group; a monthly bible study using the Gather magazine; collecting used eyeglasses for LOVC; Bunco; attending Pacifica WELCA events, etc.



Currently, **we need three women** to fill the open positions of Coordinator, Co-Coordinator, and Secretary. (The only position filled is the treasurer position.)

Please prayerfully consider filling one of these positions. **Contact is: Janet W. @858-334-8017 or janmich6@aol.com.**

Winter 2026: “Embodied prayer”  
by the Rev. Liv Larson Andrews

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God, and one of the ways we respond to God speaking in our lives. At the same time, we may carry all kinds of baggage or heavy questions about prayer: Am I doing it “right?” Do I pray enough? Is prayer always done with words? This two-part Bible study looks to Scripture as a guide to explore some different ways we can pray with our bodies—and with the body of the earth.



**Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth**

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only for creation but with creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.

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

**Patience Bible Study:** Monday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**COMING UP IN 2026**



- **March 7, 2026 - Pacifica Women of the ELCA Spring Event** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, La Mesa

**THEME:** “Spreading God’s Love”:

**VERSE:** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” Mark 16:15

**LOVE GIFTS:** T.A.C.O – White Men’s Underwear, T-Shirts and Socks



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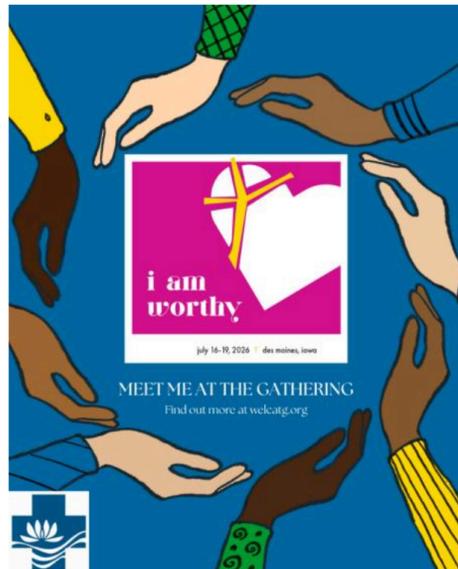


- July 16-19, 2026 – Triennial Gathering – Des Moines, Iowa



## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

For more information, see Harriet Morris



### Calling all Bunco players!

When: 2nd Friday of every month.  
Where: Fellowship Hall  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.  
February 13 at 1:00 p.m.

**All are welcome**



### CLC/ILC MEN'S GROUPS



Meet once a month for fellowship, usually breakfast, and collaboration on various church projects.

**All men ages 15 and up are welcome!**

If you are interested in joining, please contact James Acosta or leave a message in the front office.

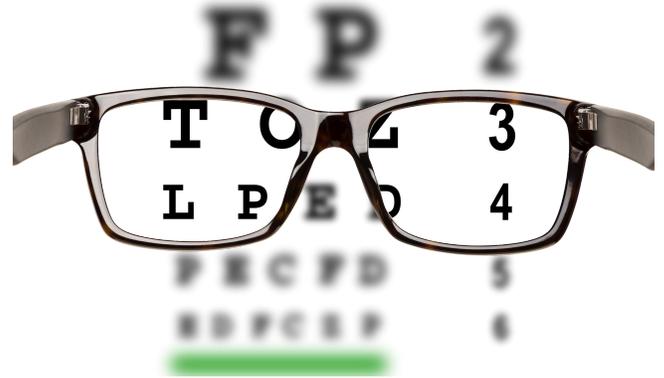


## Lions Optometric Vision Clinic (LOVC) – Eyeglass donations

The Women of the ELCA continue to collect eyeglasses, readers, sunglasses (both regular and prescription), and cases for the Lions Optometric Vision Clinic (LOVC) of San Diego.

There are two collection baskets: one in the office and another in the narthex. If you or anyone you know is struggling to pay for glasses, you can contact LOVC to see if you qualify for their low-cost services. **(You need to mention that you were referred by Clairemont Lutheran Church.)**

Their phone number and days/hours of operation are: 619-298-5273; Mon-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



One of the recipients of “love gifts” from the Pacifica Welca Convention in November of 2025 was LOVC.



As you can see, Janet Wood’s hatchback was filled with bags and boxes of eyeglasses, etc. Janet and Mike (her husband) drove to the clinic and delivered this large donation, along with a much-needed monetary donation.

Pictured are Enrique, the Manager/Administrator, and Bianca, a loyal volunteer, who gladly greeted us.



## Welca's "Piece and Sew Group"

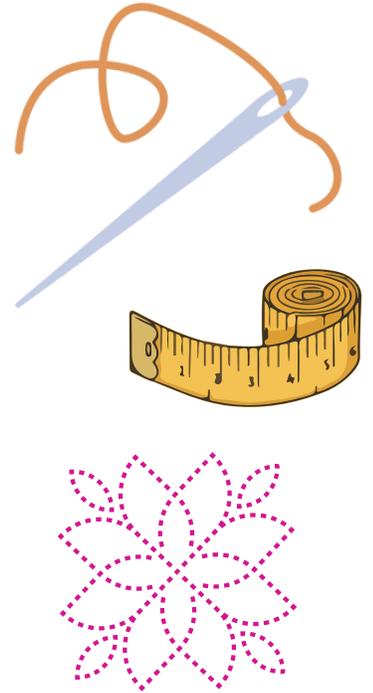
The group gathers on the **first Wednesday of the month in room 4 at 10 a.m.**, followed by a social lunch at a local restaurant around 12:30.

They make various items throughout the year. Some examples are: baby quilts, potato bags, crocheted dish cloths, toddler pajamas, and fidget art activity lap quilts.

In the Fall, the homemade items are offered at a fundraiser, with the majority of the proceeds donated to various causes.

All are welcome! If you want additional information, please contact **June Anderson**.

Hope to see you at our next gathering on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.



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A dose of humor...

HOW DOES MOSES MAKE HIS COFFEE?  
HEBREWS IT.

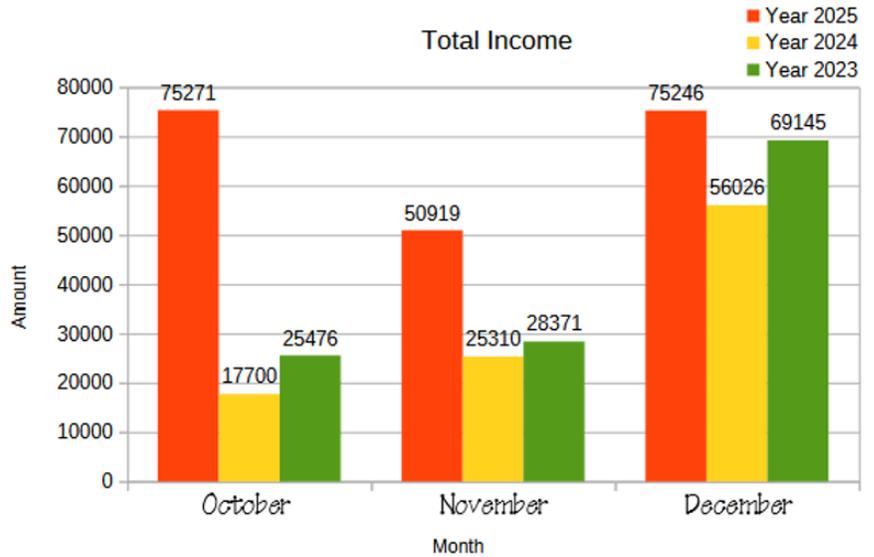


# Church Business

## October, November, December Comparison of years 2023, 2024, 2025

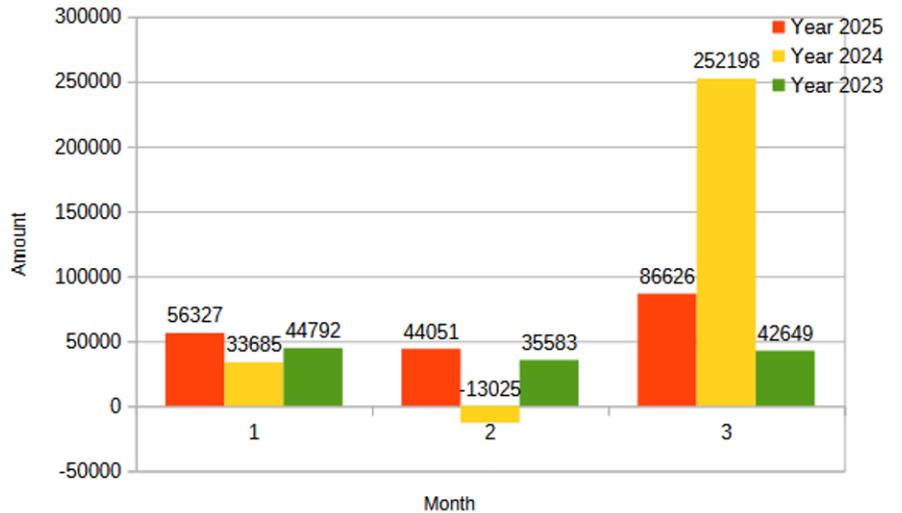
### Total income

		2025	2024	2023
10	October	75271	17700	25476
11	November	50919	25310	28371
12	December	75246	56026	69145



### Total Expenses

		2025	2024	2023
10	October	56327	33685	44792
11	November	44051	-13025	35583
12	December	86626	252198	42649



# BEYOND THE PEWS

*Living the Word wherever we go.*



On January 4, during Kids Time, we took a special Star Tour — following the star that leads us to Jesus ★

Together, we stopped at different places throughout the church to discover where we meet Jesus today:

- At the pulpit, through the Word of God
- At the altar, in Holy Communion
- At the baptismal font, where we become children of God
- And within the congregation, where we find God through one another

Just as the wise men followed the star, our children learned that Jesus is present with us in many beautiful and meaningful ways. ♡



## ✝ Epiphany Day!

King Cake tastes better when shared with our church family.



## ✝ Ministry Fair

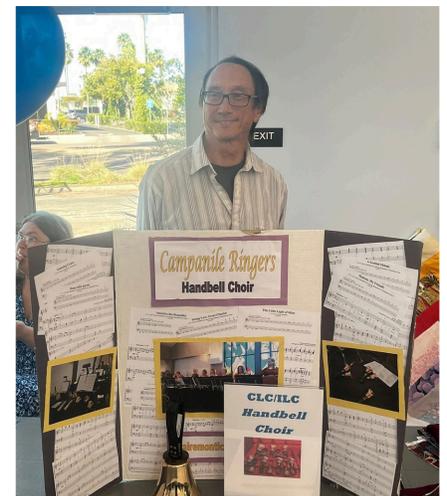
On January 18, we hosted a Ministry Fair to showcase the many ministries of our church and invite our community to get involved.

It was a joyful time of connection, conversation, and discovery as people learned about the different ways to participate, serve, and volunteer. Each ministry reflects the many gifts within our congregation and the ways God is at work through us.



## † Ministry Fair...

Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talents – and to all who are prayerfully considering where they might be called to serve. ❤️



## ✚ Congregational Meeting

Our congregational meeting on January 25 was filled with purpose and gratitude. We approved the 2026 budget and joyfully affirmed our new Mission and Vision statements. As a church family, we stepped forward with renewed clarity about who we are and whom God is calling us to be – a community rooted in faith, love, and service. With hope for the future and trust in God’s leading, we moved ahead together!



**Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God’s grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.**



**Our vision is to be a church community where all are recognized, valued, and included in God’s work of love.**

# Hands and Hearts at Work

SHINING LIGHT ON THOSE WHO SERVE



In grateful recognition for years of outstanding dedication and service. Your leadership and commitment has enriched our lives and lifted our spirits.

Thank  
you

# CLC Volunteer Schedule - February 2026

# FEBRUARY

## Lay Readers

- 2/1 Chelsea Lundeen & Susan Gjerset
- 2/8 Gary Lange
- 2/15 Lili Munoz & Lorri Carlsen
- 2/22 Lorri Carlsen



## Communion Assistants

- 2/1 Bonita Martinez, Gary Lange, Harriet Morris, Holly Boyle
- 2/8 Nancy & Sarah Groesbeck, Harriet Carmona
- 2/15 Carol Nichols, Rita Letherman, Josua & Rohany Purba
- 2/22 Gary & Aida Jaus, Pam Allen

- Bonnie Keeney 02/01
- Toby Neal 02/04
- Jennie Newhouse 02/06
- Holly Timms 02/06
- Carolyn Farrington 02/07
- Deanna N Belter 02/08
- Esther Lecuona 02/11
- Josua Purba 02/16
- Jennifer Kearns 02/20
- Carmen Lecuona 02/22
- Karen Creusere 02/22
- Ryan Beckmyer 02/26
- Renee Shepherd 02/27
- Rita Leatherman 02/28

## Welcome Team

- 2/1 Pam Allen, Curtis Cline, Thomas Knepple
- 2/8 Gary Lange, Kathy Reed, Emilie Lauchmen
- 2/15 Teresa & Gabriel Munoz, Pam Allen, Curtis Cline
- 2/22 The Purba Family, Sandra Logan, Rita Letherman



- 2/1 LeRoy Bannach
- 2/8 Lewis TenHulzen
- 2/15 The Purba family
- 2/22 Karen Creusere

## Media Team

- 2/1 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 2/8 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 2/15 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 2/22 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little



**Holly Boyle**  
**Peggy Ritchie**

# FEBRUARY 2026

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

<p><b>1</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 1-1:30pm The messengers 1:30pm Rise &amp; shine</p>	<p><b>2 Choir Every Monday</b> 5-6pm Glee Choir, 6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:30- 9pm Sanctuary Choir , 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub scouts 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10am Piece &amp; Sew 10:-2:30pm southern Care 6-9:30pm Sacra Parfana</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry. 10:00am MorningStar 1:00pm AA Meeting 5:00pm Stephen ministry Ministry</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8am – 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7am SA  10:30am Ken Hansons memorial  Interfaith Shelter</p>
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