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SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, February 11: Church Service at 9 AM. Spanish Service at 12 PM. At 10:15, James Acosta will present an Update on the Fellowship Hall Building Project. And we will Bless the work and project.

Lenten Class starting Wednesday, Feb. 21

By Pastor Cyndi

Greetings Beloveds of God! We are about to enter the Holy Season of Lent. It is a time of reflection and discipline. You are invited to join with me in an online study of *The Historical Jesus: The Evolutionary Challenge of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant* with Dr. John Dominic Crossan. Our time together will begin Wednesday,

Feb 21st following Soup & Sanctuary. Come for soup at 6 pm and stay for the study at 6:45 pm, ending promptly at 7:55 pm. The study will be every Wednesday from Feb 21st through Mar 20th ending just before Holy Week.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to learn from one of the best historical scholars about the time and culture in which Jesus lived. This helps us understand the context of the Passion Narrative.

Let me know if you are interested or have questions.

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HERE WE GO...

By Deacon Margy

As we go deeper into the New Year, things are happening! The Call Committee is beginning its work, progress is being made on the building project, we had a congregational meeting and passed the budget.

In addition, we are working on our four areas of ministry focus:

- Worship
- Community Outreach
- Bilingual/bicultural ministry
- Communications and community

On January 13, conversations were convened around each of these ministry areas, and next steps were planned.

Here's a summary:

WORSHIP

- There is work being done to organize, recruit and train all of our lay worship assistants (lectors, communion assistants, ushers, etc)
- Several folks have volunteered to work on doing some worship education so that we all have a deeper foundation of what it all means.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- We are working on getting a full picture of the community service and outreach opportunities that we are offering or have offered in the past.
- There is an effort being made to explore partnerships with other churches and community organizations

- There are several ideas about reaching out to discover how we can best serve our neighbors.

BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL MINISTRY

There is a team being put together to explore how we can better know and understand each other as we continue to be "one congregation, two languages".

COMMUNICATION and COMMUNITY

- There is a team working on clarifying who does what in the congregation.
- There is an exploration of how we can better show gratitude to all who serve
- We are looking for folks with expertise in social media, who could help to tell our story in a more effective way
- Questions are being asked about how to make better use of the Clarion
- Work on updating directory and contact info.

Thanks to all who were a part of the Jan. 13 gatherings! Many of you are already at work on these ideas. Be watching for other follow up info.

And for those who weren't able to join us, think about how God might be calling you to be engaged. If any of the above pique your interest, let me know, and I'll help you make the right connections.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is indeed at work among this community of faith! God's love and grace and mercy travel with us on this journey!

MARCH

CLARION DEADLINE

Monday, February 26 @ 4 PM

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The President's report, and more roof news

By Gary Jaus

On Sunday January 28th, Council Vice President, Bill Fredericks, presented the 2024 operating budget to the congregation. Bill worked as a Certified Public Accountant for fifty-three years before his retirement. Bill worked with the Executive Committee and Heidi Acosta, who'd been part of the Budget Committee, to craft an honest and understandable budget.

In the congregational meeting, Bill explained our sources of income, our anticipated expenses and changes the committee made to make the budget clearer. After a period of questions



Gary Jaus

and answers, you, the congregation, voted unanimously to accept the budget as proposed. I was thrilled with your unanimous vote and believe the work of the committee resulted in the most transparent budget our church has ever experienced

The week before the congregational meeting, San Diego experienced one of the most significant atmospheric rivers, aka rainfall, in decades. The roof above our church office leaked and after Tanya observed water filling up the light fixtures she made the wise decision to close the office for the day. The next day we reached out to our insurance carrier to open a claim for the potential damage to the roof and the ceiling above the office. The Council was concerned that with the prediction of heavy rain beginning in February we needed to get something in place quickly to protect the office from

any additional damage. Our insurance company quickly responded, and their appraiser agreed to cover the flat roof over the office while assessing the roof for damage.

The appraiser subsequently recommended the church replace the entire roof including the pitched roof above the sanctuary. Tanya also contacted a local roofer who also recommended replacing the entire roof. Our roof has exceeded its expected life span and their recommendations seem reasonable. Replacing the roof needs to be addressed quickly but we don't have to panic. As of this writing we are still awaiting their cost estimates.

I've since spoken with the insurance company, and they are not going to pay for any of the cost of replacing the roof. Their justification was that the recent storms didn't cause any storm related damage to the roof - the leaks were the result of the deteriorated condition of the roof. Had a tree fallen on the roof from the storm or if our steeple had fallen on the roof, it would have been a different situation; they would have been responsible for repairing the roof and replacing any damage inside the church. Going forward, we will pay for the appraiser's work in covering the roof. I will be working with the Council to quickly establish a fund-raising drive for the cost of the roof replacement and will let the congregation know what that cost is once we know it is. In the meantime, check your sofas and piggy banks for funds for the roof replacement. Better yet, pray we don't have any more damage from the coming storms.

**Winter/Spring 2024:
“Scripture and Nature:
Teachers of Faith”**

By the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it's not just Jesus inviting us to see creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God's story and saving work. This Bible study continues to explore how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

February 2024 – Creatures: Our siblings in praise and trust

Jesus invites us to consider the birds, but we'll get to know biblical critters beyond the sparrows. We'll look at biblical animals (some adorable, some terrifying) from ravens and lions to a big fish, paired creatures on the ark, and that sneaky serpent in Eden. Stories of human and animal interactions in Scripture help to

Mission Quilters meet at the home of Ruth Andersen. ALL are welcome. For information on which Saturdays and time we are quilting, contact Ruth Andersen, 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.



reorient our relationships with the non-human world, while pulling us into deeper trust in God.

ALL are invited to attend either of the Gather Bible study meetings:

Patience Bible Study: Monday, February 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4. Bible study leader is Karen Creusere; Hostess is Vi Dotts.

Ruth Bible Study: Thursday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Bible study leader is Harriet Carmona.

COMING UP:

Pacifica Synodical Women's Spring Event – April 13, 2024

Theme: Above all, clothe yourselves in love which binds everything together in perfect harmony (Col 3:14)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Banning
More information to come.



Spreading the Good News!!!

Interfaith Shelter 2024

Save the date! Clairemont will be hosting Interfaith Shelter guests at Our Mother of Confidence Feb. 10 through Feb. 24, 2024.



Calling all Bunco players!

When: 2nd Friday every month.

Where: Narthex

Time: 1:00 PM

\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.

All are welcome.

February 9th at 1:00 P.M.

Reminders:

-- Offering and Raise the Roof envelopes, plus blue Prayer request/visitor slips are located in every pew in the church.

-- We have a sign-up sheet for those of you who can pick up Emilie and take her home on Sunday. The sheet is located on a table in the Narthex. Emilie appreciates your help.

Why Be A Volunteer?

It's not for money.

It's not for fame.

It's not for any personal gain.

It's just for love of fellow man.

It's just to lend a helping hand.

It's not medals worn with pride.

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward deep in your heart.

It's that feeling that you've been a part.

Of helping others, far and near –

That makes you a Volunteer.

Anonymous

We need **your** help

• ***A/V Media Team***

• ***Altar Guild***

• ***Greeters***

• ***Communion Assistant***

***Call Tanya at
858-273-7423***



Church Business

October, November, December



Financial Report 2023								
Income				Expenses				
	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget
October	\$25,476	\$39,450	\$354,694	\$419,500	\$44,792	\$44,443	\$382,275	\$425,733
November	\$28,371	\$41,950	\$383,065	\$461,450	\$35,583	\$43,993	\$419,895	\$469,726
December	\$69,145	\$45,550	\$453,617	\$507,000	\$42,649	\$44,143	\$462,544	\$513,869
December net income	\$26,496				YTD Net income -\$8,927			

How we categorize income donations

By Lorri Carlsen

There was some confusion about offering income in our budget meeting, we were running short on time, so I'm not sure everyone understood the distinctions. Here is an explanation:

Pledge income means a person has planned to donate X amount of money to the church for the Lord's work. Folks fill out the white pledge cards, we add them up and that's where the budget pledge amount comes from. When a person who pledged puts the funds in the offering plate, and writes their first and last names on the envelope so we know where it came from, we record the amount in pledges given under that person's name. Pledges, like a budget, are plans; we don't track how much any individual has or has not given (well, the software does), we don't go to anyone and say "you promised X and only gave Y," we understand life happens and sometimes people cannot do what they planned. We send a 1099 at the end of the year to the people who pledged for tax purposes.

Non-pledge income means we received funds in the offering plate in an envelope



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with someone's first and last name on it. These are people who weren't able to submit a plan, but give for the Lord's work anyway as they are able to. We record the amounts under their names, and are therefore able to give them a 1099 for tax purposes.

Plate income means loose cash in the plate, not in an envelope, so we don't know who gave it. We actually get a fair number of envelopes with no name on them, too. If there is a check in it, we can attribute the funds to a giver, but if it is just cash, it goes under the category of anonymous plate income.

CLC Volunteer Schedule - February 2024

Lay Readers

- 2/4 Gary Lange
- 2/11 Bonita Martinez
- 2/18 Lili Muñoz
- 2/25 Carol Nichols



Communion Assistants

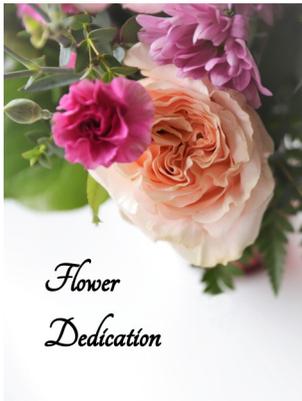
- 2/4 Peggy Ritchie, Holly Boyle, Pam Allen
- 2/11 Bev Covey, Pam Allen, Harriet Morris
- 2/18 Carol Nichols, Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Lange
- 2/25 Harriet Carmona, Holly Boyle,



- Bonnie Keeney 2/1
- Toby Neal 2/4
- Jennie Newhouse 2/6
- Holly Timms 2/6
- Carolyn Farrington 2/7
- Deanna Belter 2/8
- Eddie McCoven 2/10
- Esther Lecuona 2/11
- Josua Purba 2/16
- Phyllis Zona 2/17
- Jennifer Kearns 2/20
- Carmen Lecuona 2/22
- Karen Creusere 2/22
- Renee Shepherd 2/27
- Rita Leatherman 2/28

Welcome Team

- 2/4 Holly Boyle, Pam Allen, Sandra Logan
- 2/11 Emilie Lauchmen, Renee Shepherd,
- 2/18 Holly Boyle, Karen Creusere, Rita Leatherman
- 2/25 Janet Wood, Gary Lange, Emilie Lauchmen



- 2/4 LeRoy Bannach
- 2/11 Lewis TenHulzen
- 2/18 Bill Huston / Leroy Bannach
- 2/25 Karen Creusere

Media Team

- 2/4 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 2/11 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
- 2/18 Lewis John TenHulzen , Mitchell Little
- 2/25 Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little



Peggy Ritchie

&

Rita Leatherman

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

February 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>Monday's Choir Cherubs 4:15pm 5:00pm Glee choir 6:00pm Esperanza Youth Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary</p>			<p>1 8:00am Sandwich Min. 10:00am MorningStar 2:30 -3:30pm Southern Care group 1:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>3 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 5-7pm youth group</p>
<p>4 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am February Birthday cake will be served. 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship 1:30pm rise and shine</p>	<p>5 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study, 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>7 4:00pm Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>8 8:00am Sandwich Min. 10am Ruth's Bible study 2:30 - 3:30pm Southern Care group 1:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Bunco 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>10 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells Rehearsal 5-7 pm youth group 10:00am Altar guild meeting</p>
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