



*Pastor Cyndi and Pastora Elena install members of Clairemont Lutheran/Iglesia Luterana 2024 Council during a bilingual service on Sunday, January 7.*

## **NEW YEAR, NEW VISION**

*By Deacon Margy*

As we enter into a new year, we are also entering into a new phase of ministry here at Iglesia Luterana Clairemont Lutheran Church. You as a congregation have done good work in discerning the future mission and vision of this congregation. Through the process we have shared, four areas of ministry have been chosen as our areas of focus:

- Worship

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## ***ATTENTION / ATENCIÓN***

**Jan. 28/el 28 de enero**

**Annual meeting / budget  
approval  
at 10:15am.**

**realizaremos nuestra reunión  
anual / aprobación del  
presupuesto a las 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday worship / Servicio  
Domingo**

**English 9:00am**

**Español 12:00pm**

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# New Year, New Vision

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- Community Outreach
- Bilingual/bicultural Ministry
- Communication and Community

Now it's time to start figuring out together how we will live out each of these ministry priorities!

On January 13, there will be opportunity for you to participate in conversation, planning and first/next steps in each of these areas.

You are encouraged to think about one or two of these areas that you would especially feel called in which to be involved. Here's the schedule for the day:

## **WORSHIP 10:00 am**

This is the group for you if you are interested in:

- Participating in the planning of worship
- Taking on a lay worship leader role (lector, usher, communion assistant, etc)
- Working with a team to strengthen our understanding of worship
- Other ideas you may have

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH 11:00 am**

This is the group for you if you are interested in:

- Learning what is already happening in reaching out to our neighbors
- Sharing any ministry in which you are leading or are involved
- Thinking about how we can build stronger community partnerships
- Planning for meeting our neighbors to hear what needs and concerns we may be able to address
- Other ideas you may have

## **BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL MINISTRY 12:00 noon**

This is the group for you if you are interested in:

- Planning event(s) in which we will intentionally share our stories, traditions, and customs as we get to know one another better

- Think about other possibilities to help our congregation live out its mission of being "one congregation, two languages"

- Other ideas you may have

## **COMMUNICATION and COMMUNITY 1:00 pm**

This is the group for you if you are interested in:

- Being part of a social media team
  - Offer your services as tech person
  - Plan events to strengthen our relationship
  - Get to know your leadership events
  - Work on more effective ways of communication within the congregation and beyond.
  - Other ideas you may have
- Of course, there will be other opportunities to be involved as ministries continue to be developed. But this is your chance to give direction to the things you really care about.

All groups will meet in the narthex.  
See you there!



## 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 four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

#### **January 2024 - Weather: Powerful force for change**

We can't control the weather, but we can learn from it. Storms, rain, drought and wind shape the lives of human and non-human beings, both in scripture and today. As we face catastrophic storms and the weird weather of climate change, biblical stories of extraordinary weather convict and humble us. They show us how to live faithfully, moving us to act even when we feel powerless.

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

**Patience Bible Study:** Monday, January 8, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4.

**Ruth Bible Study:** Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1.

#### **WELCA FUNDS**

On October 1st, we celebrated Thankoffering Sunday, blessing of the Mission Quilts and held a fundraiser for both the Piece and Sew and Mission Quilts groups. We collected \$2,000.25 for the Thankoffering; \$450 for Piece & Sew; and \$865 for Mission Quilts. How are these funds spent?

The Thankoffering is sent to church wide WELCA (in Chicago) to help their ongoing life-changing ministries. (WELCA is not an auxiliary of the church, so is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs and that is why our offering from CLC/IL is so important.)

The Piece and Sew group offers financial support to a variety of groups. In the past, they have made donations to: Interfaith Shelter, Birthline, Kenya Orphanage, Raise the Roof campaign, CCSA, Sandwich Ministry, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, etc. The Mission Quilt group is very resourceful about collecting necessary supplies, however, their biggest expense is probably the batting which costs \$331.54 for two large rolls/shipping expense.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who continues to support us both financially and prayerfully so we can continue our ongoing mission to “mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.”



# Spread the Good News!!!

## Youth Group Starting

Clairemont Lutheran is starting a Christian youth group for kids in middle school. Each meet will consist of a bible reading, mini sermon, group discussion and snacks. The youth is group is for **students between the ages 11-14** to encourage them to grow a relationship with God and to show them the love of Christ. **The next meeting is on January 13th; doors will open at 5 pm**, the service starts at 5:30, and you can pick your child any time between 6:30 and 7. Hope to see you there!

### FEBRUARY

### CLARION DEADLINE

**Friday, January 26 @ 4 PM**

**wgstothers2@gmail.com**

## **Calling all Bunco players!**

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

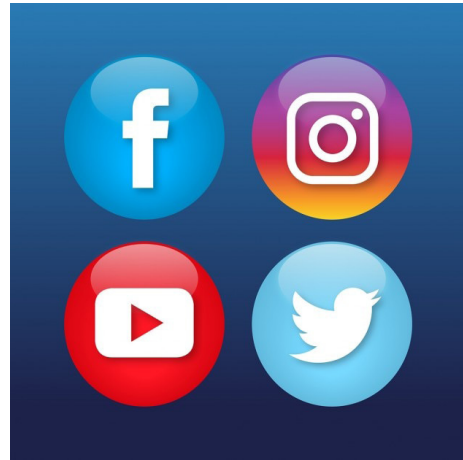
**Where:** Narthex

**Time:** 1:00 PM

\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.

All are welcome. Hope to see you on:

**January 12th at 1:00 PM.**



**Social Media is an important** means for us to reach both members and new visitors. We regularly post information and updates as well as share worship pictures and live feed sermons. Please check out our Web site ([clairemontlc.org](http://clairemontlc.org)), like us on Facebook and YouTube, follow our Twitter feed and read our Instagram story. **Tell your friends** to find us too.

### 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.

### Interfaith Shelter 2024

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



# Church Business

September, October, November



## Financial Report 2023

| Income    |          |          |                     |            |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------------------|------------|
|           | Actual   | Budget   | Actual Year to Date | YTD Budget |
| September | \$35,109 | \$38,450 | \$329,217           | \$380,050  |
| October   | \$25,476 | \$39,450 | \$354,694           | \$419,500  |
| November  | \$28,371 | \$41,950 | \$383,065           | \$461,450  |

November net income -\$7,212

| Expenses |          |                     |            |
|----------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| Actual   | Budget   | Actual Year to Date | YTD Budget |
| \$35,945 | \$43,493 | \$337,483           | \$381,289  |
| \$44,792 | \$44,443 | \$382,275           | \$425,733  |
| \$35,583 | \$43,993 | \$419,895           | \$469,726  |

YTD Net income -\$36,830

## Ground rules for facilitating a meeting or study

By Janet Wood

Ground rules are useful because they are essentially neutral. Rather than dictate them, have a discussion beforehand so everyone has an opportunity to agree on the rules (for groups that meet often, this has to be done only once.) Afterwards, post the ground rules or give everyone a copy so there isn't any misunderstandings. Then, the facilitator, or anyone else in the meeting can simply refer to the ground rules if someone is throwing it off course. Here are some examples; you can design them to fit your group.

- \*Silence your cell phone before the meeting/study begins
- \*Meeting/study will start and end on time (if you arrive late or need to leave early please do so quietly)
- \*This is a safe space so what is shared remains confidential
- \*No side conversations – they can be distracting to others who are trying to listen
- \*The facilitator guides and maintains the direction of the study so it stays on course

## EMERGENCY!

### We need *your* help

- **A/V Media Team**
- **Altar Guild**
- **Greeters**
- **Communion Assistant**

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



# CLC Volunteer Schedule - January 2024

## Lay Readers

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 1/7  | Bev Covey      |
| 1/14 | Karen Creusere |
| 1/21 | Lynn Ten Eyck  |
| 1/28 | Susan Gjerset  |



## Communion Assistants

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1/7  | Peggy Ritchie, Holly Boyle, Rita Leatherman |
| 1/14 | Bev Covey, Pam Allen, Harriet Morris        |
| 1/21 | Carol Nichols, Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Lange  |
| 1/28 | Harriet Carmona, Holly Boyle, Peggy Ritchie |



|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Nic Flax          | 1/2  |
| Barbra Kanneman   | 1/4  |
| Tessa Allen       | 1/6  |
| LeRoy Bannach     | 1/7  |
| Keven Reece       | 1/8  |
| Ellen Rodgers     | 1/8  |
| Elizabeth Fugate  | 1/9  |
| Scott Ibey        | 1/14 |
| Heidi Acosta      | 1/14 |
| Karla Bojorquez   | 1/15 |
| Jasmine Stivers   | 1/16 |
| Alexandra Gjerset | 1/16 |
| Marco Vasquez     | 1/17 |
| Bob Allen         | 1/19 |
| Marissa Valentan  | 1/20 |
| Gayle Hayzel      | 1/22 |
| Gabriel Zona-Moya | 1/22 |
| Tanya Buchanan    | 1/22 |
| Duke Kaduk        | 1/24 |
| Cliff Archer      | 1/29 |
| Irene Voth        | 1/30 |

## Welcome Team

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1/7  | Holly Boyle, Pam Allen, Sandra Logan    |
| 1/14 | Emilie Lauchmen, Harriet Carmona,       |
| 1/21 | Holly Boyle, Bev Covey, Rita Leatherman |
| 1/28 | Janet Wood, Gary Lange, Sandra Logan    |



|      |                           |
|------|---------------------------|
| 1/7  | LeRoy Bannach / Pam Allen |
| 1/14 |                           |
| 1/21 |                           |
| 1/28 |                           |

## Media Team

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 1/7  | Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little  |
| 1/14 | Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little  |
| 1/21 | Lewis John TenHulzen , Mitchell Little |
| 1/28 | Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little  |



Teresa Muñoz

*If you are not on this list and celebrate a birthday in*

*January please contact the office to update our info.*

# January 2024

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Monday Choir</b><br><b>Cherubs 4:15pm</b><br><b>5:00pm Glee choir</b><br><b>6:00pm Esperanza Youth Choir</b><br><b>7:30pm Sanctuary Choir</b>     | <b>1</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>4:00pm Gospel Study<br>6:30pm Scouts<br>8:00pm AA Meeting                            | <b>2</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts<br>7:00pm AI-Anon   | <b>3</b><br>9:30am Southern Care Group<br>4:00pm Stephen Ministry | <b>4</b><br>8:00am Sandwich Min.<br>10:00am MorningStar<br>1:00pm AA Meeting      | <b>5</b><br>12:00pm Food Distribution<br>1:00pm AA<br>6:00pm AI-Anon                  | <b>6</b><br>7:00am SA<br>9:00am Tree take down<br>9:30am Bells<br>5-7 youth group                                      |
| <b>7</b><br>10:00am Bilingual service<br>11:30 Lunch will be provided<br>1:30pm Rise & Shine   | <b>8</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>12:30pm Patience bible , 4:00pm Gospel Study, 6:30pm Scouts<br>8:00pm AA Meeting     | <b>9</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts<br>7:00pm AI-Anon   | <b>10</b><br>12-2:30 Southern Care group<br>6pm Soup & Sanctuary  | <b>11</b><br>8:00am Sandwich Min.<br>10am Ruth's Bible study<br>1:00pm AA Meeting | <b>12</b><br>12:00pm Food Distribution<br>1:00pm Bunco<br>1:00pm AA<br>6:00pm AI-Anon | <b>13</b><br>7:00am SA<br>9:30am Bells Rehearsal<br>10:00-2:00pm NEW YEAR, NEW VISION<br>Meetings<br>5-7 youth group I |
| <b>14</b><br>9:30am Worship Service<br>11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm<br>Iglesia Luterana fellowship<br>1:30pm rise and shine | <b>15</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>4:00pm Gospel Study<br>6:30pm Evangelism team<br>6:30pm Scouts<br>8:00pm AA Meeting | <b>16</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts<br>6:30pm Executive Team<br>7:00pm AI-Anon<br>7:15pm Council Meeting | <b>17</b><br>4:00pm Stephen Ministry<br>6pm Soup & Sanctuary      | <b>18</b><br>8:00am Sandwich Min.<br>10:00am MorningStar<br>1:00pm AA Meeting     | <b>19</b><br>12:00pm Food Distribution<br>1:00pm AA<br>6:00pm AI-Anon                 | <b>20</b><br>7:00am SA<br>9:30am Handbell Rehearsal<br>10:00am Altar Guild meeting.<br>5-7 Youth group                 |
| <b>21</b><br>9:30am Worship Service<br>11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm<br>Iglesia Luterana fellowship<br>1:30 rise & shine     | <b>22</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>4:00pm Gospel Study<br>6:30pm Scouts<br>8:00pm AA Meeting                           | <b>23</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts<br>7:00pm AI-Anon  | <b>24</b><br>12-2:30 Southern Care group<br>6pm Soup & Sanctuary  | <b>25</b><br>8:00am Sandwich Min.<br>1:00pm AA Meeting                            | <b>26</b><br>12:00pm Food Distribution<br>1:00pm AA<br>6:00pm AI-Anon                 | <b>27</b><br>7:00am SA<br>9:30am Handbell Rehearsal<br>5-7 youth group   |
| <b>30</b><br>9:30am Worship Service<br>11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm<br>Iglesia Luterana fellowship<br>1:30pm Rise and shine | <b>29</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>4:00pm Gospel Study<br>6:30pm Scouts<br>8:00pm AA Meeting                           | <b>30</b><br>1:00pm AA<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts<br>7:00pm AI-Anon  | <b>31</b><br>6pm Soup & Sanctuary                                 |   |   |  |