



# *The Clarion*

**MARCH**  
**2024**  
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## **SEMANA SANTA/ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday: March 24**

9:30 in English

11:30 in Spanish

**Domingo de Palmas: 24 de marzo.**

9:30 inglés, 11:30 español

**Jueves Santo: 28 de marzo**

7:00pm. Servicio bilingüe.

**Maundy Thursday: March 28**

7:00 p.m, bilingual service

**Good Friday: March 29**

Noon in English

7:00 p.m., bilingual

**Viernes Santo: 29 de marzo.**

Para el mediodía inglés

7:00 pm. bilingüe

**Domingo de Resurrección, 31 de marzo:**

6:30 am bilingüe

9:30 inglés

11:30 español

**Easter Sunday: March 31**

6:30 a.m, bilingual

9:30 a.m. in English

11:30 a.m in Spanish

**BOLD  
WOMEN'S  
DAY 2024**

***Bold Women's Day  
- March 3, 2024***

***Celebrate the bold  
women in your life***

Bold Women's Day—observed the first Sunday of March— celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality.

Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.

Are you bold?

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# ***Intimate Conversations with God***

*By Pastor Cyndi*

We know that Jesus had intimate conversations with God all the time -- in the wilderness, in the evening after the crowds pressed in on him, on the high mountain when he was transfigured, in the Garden of Gethsemane and ultimately from the cross.

That's one thing Jesus held onto was his intimate conversations with God.

We can have those intimate conversations too! God is here and available to talk. We just need to take the time to engage God and spend the time listening for God's response.

In James 4:2 we are told, "You do not have because you do not ask God." I often think about the abundance of God. For example, how does an orange tree produce so much fruit from little more than air, sunshine and water?

I have had several experiences where an idea floated through my head and all

I had to do was make a phone call and something amazing happened. A few years back, we were doing backpacks for refugee children. I vaguely remembered a small ad, years earlier, about a shoe fund. I made a couple of calls and in what seemed effortless, we had 300 pairs of shoes. And not only that year, but for the next few years also.

God's warehouse is filled to overflowing with whatever is needed to further the mission.

What do we need to have the ministry God would have for us here at Clairemont Lutheran/Iglesia/Luterana Clairemont?

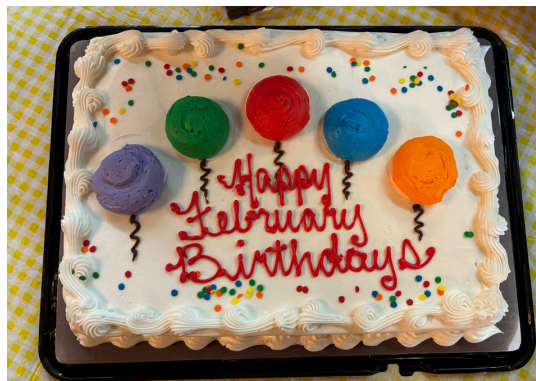
I'm not talking about a skimpy, barely functioning ministry, but a robust, full of life ministry. Maybe we don't know what we need, but I'm sure there is Someone who does know our needs, and more than that, can supply us with more than we can ever imagine.

I invite you to a Holy Lent.



## ***Birthday Celebrations***

Birthday boy Brandon reminds everybody that on the first Sunday of the month we're celebrating everyone who has a birthday in that month. Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday in March!



# Can We Talk, Honestly?

By Gary Jaus

As your President, I think about what we can do together to help CLC/ILC grow. I'm sure many of you ponder the same question.



The key word is 'together' and the reality of together really struck home on Sunday February 18th. That Sunday, the Boy Scouts and their families were in church and the feel of 10 to 15 more people in church, and the visual impact of a fuller sanctuary was striking. Even the volume of the congregational singing with so many more voices was noticeable and an inspiring vision for what we can become. For those who remember the comedian, Joan Rivers, she had a famous line that she'd use repeatedly in her comic routines. She'd say, "Can we talk?" The implication was, 'Can we talk, honestly?' Then she would use her wit and sarcasm to make people laugh.

Well, can we talk honestly? My message doesn't contain wit or sarcasm, but it is honest. The worship service doesn't always leave me tingling with joy or hope. The readings don't always resonate with me. Sometimes my mind wanders during the sermons and even though I sing in the choir, not every hymn touches me. Unsaid in Ms. Rivers' famous line is another implication. It's that the audience listen. She'd run her monologues, and the audience would laugh, but there was no real conversation. In church we listen and sing but that isn't conversation. We read verses or sing, but it's all scripted. But many times, it's not foremost what

is in our minds. Fortunately, when we converse, we listen. We share our immediate concerns.

I talk and listen with several people after every service. What always resonates from those conversations is the sense of care that we have for each other and our church. Listening to you, I get a sense of how you feel about the worship service and that is tremendously important to me. But just as important is what you share about what's going on in your life. Your health, your loneliness, how you're dealing with flood issues, your joy at having relatives coming to visit, or getting a new car are all important. Our unique, personal information connects us with each other in very tangible ways. We all experience similar joys, fears, hopes and sadness. And we are strong enough to listen to each other, embrace each other's pain and be lifted up by each other's joys. We worship and strengthen our understanding of Jesus Christ within these walls. We grow together. That said, the time we spend doesn't always have to have a reminder of our faith. I don't need hymns or sermons or readings at every gathering. Sometimes a simple prayer is perfect.

We need social time together. Just good old-fashion fun times along with our "faith-oriented" events. Time to relax, laugh, and talk about whatever. Candidly, we need each other to have those special moments. Church should not always be serious and somber. When we're together having fun, we are living role models for what God wants, namely, to be joyful. I believe our laughter and joy are every bit as powerful as sermons, hymns, and corporate readings. Honestly.

# Parable of the Elephant in My Back Yard

By Bill Fredericks

This morning I had another vivid dream, one might call it a vision. It concerned a group of people who I knew. Each person in the group was given an elephant that each had to nurture. I had some misgivings about whether I could give the elephant the care it needed.

My elephant was in our back yard where it seemed very comfortable. It walked out onto the wooden deck.

I was worried at first but then was excited that the deck was able to support the elephant. I gained confidence that the assignment would succeed. Last night was the organizational meeting of the CLC/ILC Call Committee; charged with identifying a Senior Pastor who will lead the congregation into the future. Deacon Margy Ager explained the



*The Call Committee members: LeRoy Bannach (left), Teresa Munoz, Bill Fredericks (co-chair), Anna Bailey, Pam Allen, Sarah Groesbeck (co-chair), Martha Munivar.*

process and our responsibilities. Our charge is performed with total confidentiality, so sometimes it might seem as if nothing is happening. Rest assured that we will be progressing, even if we cannot answer your questions. Your role in this process is to support us with your prayers. The charge can seem daunting; like caring for an elephant in the back yard. But we all know that the Holy Spirit is with us along the way; dwelling in us and sustaining us.

**APRIL**  
**CLARION DEADLINE**  
**Monday, MARCH 25 @ 4 PM**  
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## **GATHER MAGAZINE BIBLE STUDY**

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

*By the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith*  
**March 2024 – Rivers: Springs  
of life and hope:**

Fresh water. Most of life on our planet depends on it, and the story of God’s saving work flows alongside it, through stories of biblical rivers that offer a vision of flourishing creation. Together we’ll

journey from the rivers in Eden to the prophetic springs in the desert, and from Jesus’ baptism at the river Jordan to the crystalline river of life in Revelation. We’ll discover how rivers are sites of healing, restoration, identity and imagination.

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

**Patience Bible Study:** Monday, March 11 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4. Bible Study leader is Karen Creusere; Hostess is Linda Ten Eyck.

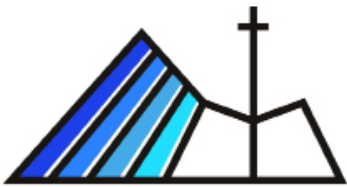
**Ruth Bible Study:** Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Bible Study leader is Ruth Andersen.

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*Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep  
under a blanket of love.*

**MARCH 16, 2024, IS  
NATIONAL QUILTING DAY,**  
and we at Lutheran World Relief have a LOT to celebrate! For more than 75 years, compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world — nearly 28 MILLION QUILTS! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. THANK YOU. A quilt is a type of bed cover, traditionally composed of three layers of fiber, a woven cloth top, a layer of batting or wadding, and a woven back, combined using the technique of quilting. A quilt is distinguishable from other types of blankets because it is pieced together

with several pieces of cloth. National Quilting Day recognizes quiltmakers and their quilt-making abilities. The word ‘quilt’ comes from the Latin word ‘culcita,’ which means stuffed sack, it became adapted to the English language from the French word ‘cuilte.’ Quilting practices can be found in almost every area of the world and it is celebrated on the third Saturday in March every year. The National Quilting Association started National Quilting Day in 1991 and it has grown into a global celebration for all quilt lovers and makers **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 and how we are progressing.



# Church Business

*November, December, January*



## Financial Report 2023-24

Income					Expenses			
	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual Year to Date	YTD Budget
Nov 2023	\$28,371	\$41,950	\$383,065	\$461,450	\$35,583	\$43,993	\$419,895	\$469,726
Dec 2023	\$69,145	\$45,550	\$453,617	\$507,000	\$42,649	\$44,143	\$462,544	\$513,869
Jan 2024	\$49,359	\$35,253	\$49,359	\$35,253	\$34,307	\$41,061	\$34,307	\$471,208
January net income \$15,053					2024 YTD Net income \$15,053			

## **Calling all Bunco players!**

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

**Where:** Narthex

**Time:** 1:00 PM

\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.

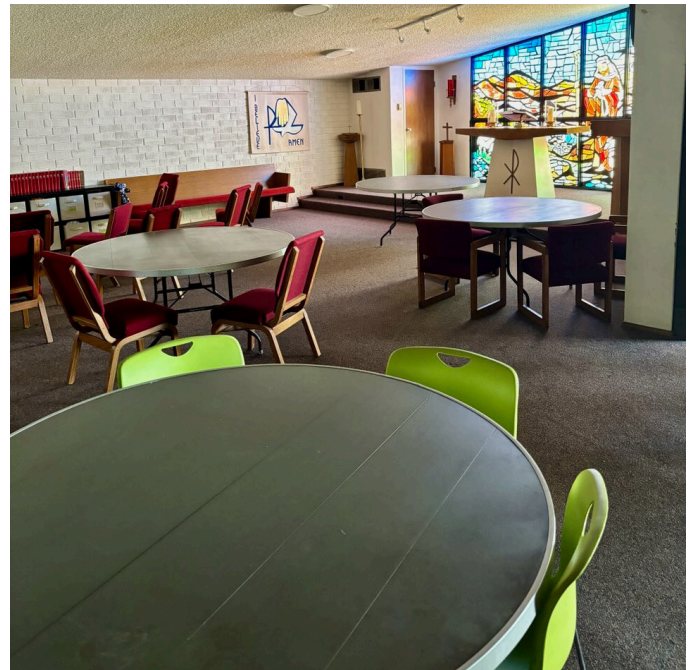
All are welcome.

**March 8th at 1:00 P.M.**

## **Reminders:**

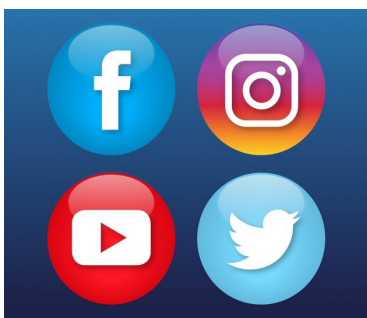
-- Offering and Raise the Roof envelopes, plus blue Prayer request/visitor slips are located in every pew in the church.

-- 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.



## **Migratory tablecloths**

We were looking for the cloth tablecloths for the round tables recently for a memorial service and could only find two. If you kindly took some home to wash them, could you please bring them back? Or if you know/remember where they were stored when the Fellowship Hall contents were moved out prior to demolition, could you please call the office and let us know where they are? Thank you!



# CLC Volunteer Schedule - March 2024

## Lay Readers

3/3 Arlene Riordan  
 3/10 Bev Covey  
 3/17 Rob Constantine  
 3/24 Lorri Carlsen  
 3/31



## Communion Assistants

3/3 Peggy Ritchie, Holly Boyle, Pam Allen  
 3/10 Gary Lange, Arlene Riordan, Harriet Morris  
 3/17 Carol Nichols, Lewis TenHulzen, Gary Lange  
 3/24 Harriet Carmona, Holly Boyle, Lewis TenHulzen  
 3/31 Gary Jaus, Aida Jaus, Bonita Martinez

James Brown	3/3
Christopher Groesbeck	3/3
James Anderson	3/4
Kathy Farrington	3/5
Daniel Pursel	3/6
Erica Robles	3/7
Tomi Johnson	3/7
Stephen Fiorina	3/7
Mary Crane	3/8
Helen Bradley	3/9
Susan Gjerset	3/9
Patricia Fredericks	3/9
John Gjerset	3/10
Martha Munevar	3/11
David Engel	3/12
Harry Walker	3/12
Dylan Pursel	3/12
Charles Stead	3/13
Jeffrey TenHulzen	3/15
Thomas Knepple	3/15
Lara Engel	3/20
Emilie Lauchmen	3/20
Gabriella Anderson	3/22
Dylan Thomas	3/25
Ava Rice	3/23
Ellen Sauder	3/23
Harriet Carmona	3/24
Hanne Vos	3/28
Curtis Carlsen	3/28
Derek McCauley	3/29

## Welcome Team

3/3 Holly Boyle, Curtis Cline, Sandra Logan  
 3/10 Emilie Lauchmen, Renee Shepherd, Harriet Carmona  
 3/17 Holly Boyle, Karen Creusere, Rita Leatherman  
 3/24 Janet Wood, Gary Lange, Emilie Lauchmen  
 3/31 Emilie Lauchmen, Sandra Logan, Pam Allen

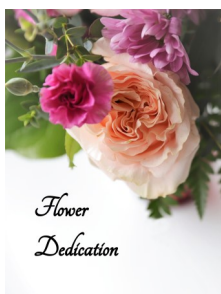
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3/10 LeRoy Bannach

3/17 Gary Lange, Lewis TenHulzen

3/24

3/31



## 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



Rita Leatherman

&

Harriet

Carmona



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Easter Sunday Services</b> 6:30am Sunrise Service 9:30am Worship service 11:30 Servicio de Adoración en Español	<b>Monday's Choir</b> <b>Cherubs 4:15pm</b> <b>5:00pm Glee choir</b> <b>6:00pm Esperanza Youth Choir</b> <b>7:30pm Sanctuary</b>				1 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	2 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells
3 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am March Birthday cake will be served. 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship 1:30pm rise and shine	4 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study, 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	5 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	6 4:00pm Stephen Ministry  6pm Soup & Sanctuary 6:45 Lenten Study	7 8:00am Sandwich Min. 2:30 - 3:30pm Southern Care group 1:00pm AA Meeting	8 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Bunco 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	9 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells Rehearsal
<b>10 Time change (Spring forward)</b> 9:00am Worship Service 12:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 2:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship 1:30pm rise and shine	11 1:00pm AA 12:30pm Patience 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	12 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Executive Team 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:15pm Council Meeting	13 12-2:30pm Southern Care group 6pm Soup & Sanctuary 6:45pm Lenten Study	14 8:00am Sandwich Min. 2:30 - 3:30 pm Southern Care group 1:00pm AA Meeting	15 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 4pm Communion Visitation training 6:00pm Al-Anon	16 7:00am SA 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal 10:00am Altar guild meeting 1pm Communion Visitation training
17 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship 1:30 rise & shine	18 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Evangelism team 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	19 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	20 4:00pm Stephen Ministry 6pm Soup & Sanctuary 6:45 Lenten Study (Last study)	21 8:00am Sandwich Min. 10:00am Ruth's bible study 2:30 - 3:30pm Southern Care group	22 12:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	23 7:00am SA 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> 25 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español, 12:30 - 6pm Iglesia Luterana fellowship 1:30pm Rise and shine	25 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	26 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Al-Anon	27 12-2:30pm Southern Care group No soup & Sanctuary	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> 8:00am Sandwich Min. 2:30 - 3:30pm Southern Care group 1:00pm AA Meeting 7pm Maundy Thursday Bilingual service	29 <b>Good Friday</b> 12pm service 7pm Bilingual service	30 7:00am SA 9:30am Bells 10:00 Alter Guild set up
31 <b>Easter Sunday</b>						