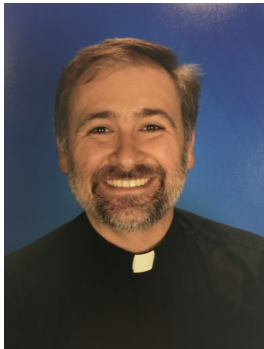




THE BETHLEHEM STAR

T O K N O W C H R I S T . . . T O M A K E C H R I S T K N O W N



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

IOAN ITTU

Associate Pastor

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I'm thankful to the generosity the good people of our congregation were able to show to many organizations and people last month. We hosted our missionaries.

Each year we send \$2,000 in support for them. This year we were able to show over \$3,000 of additional support in

this year of their visit. But the amazing part was that our inviting them allowed for a conversation that pulled in our local Lutheran University (CLU) into partnership that brings increased science education to Tanzania. Our congregation's generosity made an even more impactful generosity for Tanzania possible. Thank you.

Thank you also to the former members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church for their \$200,000 in gifts to local ministries. I wanted the whole congregation to have a clear understanding of those gifts so you can be proud of the impact we are having.

- \$50,000 was given to our local Lutheran Camp El Camino Pines/Luther Glen Farm for a yurt and camperships
- \$40,000 was given to LSS and with those funds they are able to do projects like getting a van and funds to expand their food assistance ministry
- \$40,000 was given to a local nonprofit that works with the Downs Syndrome community who will start a peer mentoring program for parents with experience helping new parents
- \$25,000 was given to North Valley YMCA for a youth leadership program that helps low-income teenage youth
- \$19,000 was given Central Lutheran Church in Van Nuys for support the starting of a food pantry with funds sufficient for over a year's worth of food and programming
- \$10,000 for a housing justice nonprofit started out of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
- \$10,000 for an after school program for the domestic violence shelter of Hope Gardens
- \$6,000 for our Synod's Women of ELCA leadership being about to host and participate large gathering

We will help make blankets for the homeless on September 8th at St. Luke's. We will help build homes in Mexico. We will help host a holiday dance for the Down Syndrome community. We will collect Christmas gifts for disadvantaged kids through our Angel tree project. Mary Fischer and the Social Ministry committee will continue leading us forward in service and love.

We are doing good work in the world and our little corner of God's world is a bit more loving because of all of us. Thank you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

9:00 AM – CONTEMPORARY STYLE

10:10 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
(SEPT-MAY)

11:00 AM – TRADITIONAL STYLE

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SUMMARY OF BETHLEHEM COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2019

Present at the meeting were Pastor Megan, Pastor Ioan, Sarah Karzel, Janet Puchlik, Brian Grefsrud, Bev Compton, Connie Troe, Sue Akin, and Donna Ophus.

The meeting opened with devotions and prayer by Bev.

The July 10, 2019, minutes were reviewed. Under 2019/2020 Budget/Cash on Hand the statement "The current balance is \$163,000, the interest rate is 5.5% and the monthly payment is \$26,000." The "monthly payment" was corrected to "yearly payment is \$26,000." The June minutes were not available.

Pastor Ioan presented requests for the available Discretionary Fund Gifts -

- \$600 for St. Matthews for conference action in which BLC will participate.
- Match up to \$1,000 of benefit concert proceeds to Hope Gardens.
- \$700 transferred to Mexican Mission Trip Fund.
- Up to \$2,000 to be allocated out of International Mission Support Funds to our missionaries during the fiscal year 2019.

Allocations were approved as presented.

Sarah reported that there was a discrepancy in the way health care benefits for staff were being funded. This problem has now been corrected.

There is a church policy that married couples cannot count offerings together as a protection for both the church and the couple. This policy was suspended for a short time due to a lack of available people to count. This policy has now been reinstated.

Brian reported that there is \$48,000 in the BLESS account. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that \$40,000 out of this amount go to playground repair and the remainder to be dealt with by BLESS. Bev will develop a document dealing with future BLESS funds and how they are allocated and approved.

It had been brought to Janet's attention that there are trees blocking the view of our church sign. She is dealing with the city to determine how to correct this, and will continue to follow up.

Pastor Ioan has been meeting with the stewardship committee to discuss a five year plan. He passed out a proposal to be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Bev indicated that there is a discrepancy between the fewer number of days designated in the preschool handbook, and the greater number of days shown on the preschool calendar as distributed to the staff. This will be discussed with the preschool director.

Pastor Megan will take the last 3 weeks of parental leave in September.

Connie reported that Bev and Sarah have consented to do Friendship Dinners.

Both Bev and Brian are going off the council in 2020. Sarah will speak to the nominating committee to encourage them to start the process of developing a slate of council officers.

Pastor Megan closed with prayer.

The next council meeting will be September 25.

Donna Ophus, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SARAH KARZEL

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Dear Fellow Bethlehem Members,

As you know, we had our annual budget meeting a few weeks ago. I thought it might be helpful to summarize the results and hopefully add a little clarity to some of the questions about the church's finances that still seem murky for some.

The Congregation voted to retire the mortgage. The outstanding balance was about \$160,000. The interest rate was 5.5%. We had over the last few years accumulated some cash, more than enough to cover the balance. So we decided to pay off the mortgage, save ourselves some significant money on interest and facilitate balancing the budget by eliminating the monthly mortgage payment. We also anticipate that the remaining cash on hand will be enough to repave the parking lot. Our new business administrator, Wanda, is in the process of getting bids for that job.

We are also hoping this fall to be able to make much needed improvements to our playgrounds. In particular, we need new and safer play surfaces. Our parent association, BLESS, has raised money over the years, and we anticipate they will be able to use that for those improvements.

Then there are the funds that came from the proceeds of the sale of the St. Stephens property. Most of that is in a safe investment vehicle producing a steady rate of return. For the time being, the interest is being left in the investment fund to grow. When we do start taking it out, the plan is to use it to further ministry at Bethlehem and in our community. Before the money was put into the investment, about \$800,000 was set aside for more current uses. Of that, about \$400,000 was set aside to make contributions to worthy causes; the recipients, announced at the meeting, included Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences and NoHo Home Alliance, as well as Bethlehem itself. The grant to Bethlehem is to provide seed money for a building fund to enable the addition of new space for meetings and offices for our Pastors. We will be putting together a building committee to work on a plan for presentation to the Congregation. The other \$400,000 has funded immediate improvements like the piano and sound system and the additional staffing for the first couple of years.

On the topic of the sound system, I would like to mention that the worship committee also would like to add screens to the sanctuary to enhance the worship experience. We will be talking about where they might be placed, and how they might be used over the next few months.

Last but not least, please remember we always need new volunteers! Connie's fellowship team has been working overtime keeping up with all the events that need a warm welcoming atmosphere. Maybe you could help there. Or maybe you could help counting offerings on Sundays. Whatever it is, it will feel good to do it, and you'll meet new people and have fun too. I promise.

As always, you can reach me at president@bethlehemplutheran.net or 818-261-0629.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Karzel

YOUTH NEWS

LISA NAKATA

Youth & Education

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Fall Youth Events Planning

Sunday, September 8th @ 10:15 a.m.

Meet Pastor Ioan at Bethlehem's picnic benches between services to decide what youth events we will do between now and Christmas. Boardgame Night? Help with the Down Syndrome Dance? Stage our own Hamilton Sing-Along Production? Delving into the depths of vulnerability by telling our life stories through a supportive and affirming intentional listening exercise? Bring your ideas.

Confirmation @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 8th @ 1:30 p.m.

Parents and youth will have a 1/2 hour group orientation to review the schedule and expectations for this year's confirmation program. At 2 p.m. the confirmands will join other churches for service in the community by either cleaning-up trash from Ventura Blvd., or by making no-sew blankets for the homeless.

SkyZone (Trampoline Park)

Sunday, September 15th @ 2 p.m.

7741 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Kids and adults bounce across an open trampoline arena, leap into giant foam pits, or play ultimate dodgeball and basketball. Cost per ticket will be \$5 with the church covering the remainder. RSVP with Pastor Ioan so we can get the right number of discount tickets.

Granada Hills High School vs. Kennedy High School Football

Additional Opportunity

Friday, September 13th @ 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91326

Cost is \$5 for students, seniors & children. \$10 for adults. Come out and support Dylan Yribe at the JV game at 4 p.m. See kicker Cordelia Cross put it through the uprights at the varsity game at 7 p.m. Food trucks are a short walk away on Chatsworth St. for a pre/post game delicious treat.



MUSIC NOTES

VICENTE DITTO

Senior Music Minister

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Youth music groups are being structured a little differently this year. The Children's Choir, for youth in 1st - 5th grade, will meet September - December on Thursdays from 5:45 - 6:15. The first rehearsal is September 5th. The Youth Ensemble, for youth in 6th grade and up, will meet January - May also on Thursdays. Praise Ensemble and Adult Choir will continue to meet at their regular times of 6:15 and 7:00. We also have dates for December events. The Christmas Concert will be on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 3 p.m. and Caroling will be on Sunday, Dec 15th after worship. Ah, I can hear Andy Williams already.

SCHOOL NEWS

MARY KANDILIAN

Preschool Director

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Welcome September!

The fall program has come along beautifully! Our healthy eating habits are getting better each day – with our new menu integrating organic options! Our classrooms are growing and there's a sense of wonder and positivity in the air! Bethlehem is the place to be! Coming up on the horizon is...

- Back to School Taco Night! On Sept 11th At 6 p.m. come meet the teachers, learn more about the program, and enjoy some tacos.
- Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, Sept 8th at the 9 a.m. service.
- Annual Fall Festival on October 11th! Were super excited to begin the planning process and could use all the support we can get! We'd love our church and its wonderful members to be involved on this special day and every day! If you would like to volunteer the day of, assist with the planning or make a contribution, please let the school office know.

We'd love you to join us for all these events and your support!

We value the involvement of our members in the school, as it's super important for the well-rounded development of our students – and we love it! Please connect with our school office and let us know how you'd like to be involved!

Respectfully,

Mary

PARENTAL LEAVE

Pastor Megan will be on parental leave September 6-27.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Saturday, September 14 from 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. This course teaches you how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. The training helps you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Like CPR, it gives the average person skills and knowledge on how to help someone that is having a mental health crisis. Please RSVP by September 11 by contacting Evelyn in the church office. Lunch will be provided.



THANK YOU!

As I am about to start the last 3 weeks of my parental leave for our foster baby, I wanted to send a thank you to all of you. I am incredibly grateful for your support and love of sweet baby F and of Desmond as he adjusts to being the big kid in the family (and a kindergartener now!).

I'm thankful for the way you've all been kind and loving to her, you've given gifts, shared stories, held her, fed her, watched her. You've been a wonderful larger family for her and we appreciate it. I don't have any sense of certainly as to her future with us, but it does seem very likely that she will be with our family for some time longer, at the very least.

Thank you for your continued support and love!

*-Pastor Megan,
Kyle, Desmond,
and Baby F*



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

BY MARILYN FURSMAN

Part of discipleship is studying God's word, not only because it can bring you closer to God, but so you can learn how to pass it on to future generations or share your faith with a friend. In his recent lecture series, Bishop Guy Erwin said, "Education is to help us determine where we are to help others, then equip us to do it."

Sunday Forum—All are welcome to join the group that meets Sundays after the second worship service. It will feature guest speakers and thoughtful, pastor-led discussions of Sunday's scriptures. Consider bringing your beverage and snack to classroom #1 at 12:15 p.m. to welcome our guests, meet new members, and expand your horizons!

Sep. 1—Lectionary Bible Study

Sept. 8—No class

Sep. 15—Carla Cross recaps her Mental Health workshop.

Sep. 22—Lectionary Bible Study

Sept 29 & Oct. 6—Pr. Megan & Pr. Ioan share gems from Mediation Training.

Wednesday Co-ed Bible Study

This congenial group, led by Pr. Megan Fryling, meets in Chandler Hall at 10:15 a.m. The ELCA's Book of Faith material is being used to study the Book of Acts. If Tevye (from Fiddler On the Roof) were around, he'd swoon to be part of this group of deep thinkers who are willing to examine the scriptures in detail and graciously consider every point of view.

Do you have ideas for Adult Education? The team is looking for more members to help us find new ways to appeal to those who are not currently engaged.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOPE GARDEN FAMILIES

LESLIE PETT

Bethlehem will have "Blessing of the Backpacks" on September 8 at the 9 a.m. service. As a part of this kick-off of the academic year for our Bethlehem family, we are offering you an opportunity to help the families of our partner ministry, Hope Gardens. Hope Gardens offers assistance to women and children as they transition from homelessness to housing and employment. We will be providing them with backpacks and school supplies. These will be given out to families throughout the year as women and children join Hope Gardens. We are asking for donations of any of the following:

- backpack
- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpener
- pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser

Please deposit items into the box provided at the back of the church.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On September 8th (the same Sunday that Sunday School starts back up) at the 9:00 a.m. service, students and people of all ages should bring their backpack or any other important bag to church for a special blessing and a gift.



SPECIAL MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 21st

The Men's Breakfast group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at Coco's Restaurant on Sepulveda (10841 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA 91345.) Since some men can't make weekdays or the early time, we have scheduled a special breakfast this month on Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. at Coco's. So...if you've wanted to attend the men's breakfast but the weekday schedule and the early time made it inconvenient, drop by on September 21st and check it out! It's an informal time to share a meal and some fellowship. If there's interest, we can continue to have the Saturday breakfasts on a schedule to be determined.

We will have our regular breakfast this month as usual on the first Wednesday (September 4th) as well.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

Women of the ELCA both the morning and afternoon groups will meet for the Gather Bible Study Tuesday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m. in Marilyn Fursman 's home, 12622 Henzie Place, Granada Hills. Remember to bring your sack lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. For further information call Dianne Tillman or Marilyn.

W/ELCA CRAFT GROUP

The women's craft group will resume Friday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION TEAM MEETING

The next Adult Education team meeting is September 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 2:00-4:15 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Woodland Hills. One group will clean up Ventura Blvd. of trash and debris and others, who prefer a less active endeavor, will be inside to tie blankets together for those in need. We will be making 40 "no-sew" blankets. Many of you already know how to make these. If you can come with a good pair of fabric scissors and a willingness to help others with the blankets, it would be of great help. All ages welcome!



Join us for
"God's work. Our hands."
 A dedicated day of service in our community.

service to the betterment of our community.

One group will clean up Ventura Blvd. of trash and debris and... others, who prefer a less active endeavor, will be inside to tie blankets together for those in need.

Sunday, September 8th – 2pm – 4:15

St. Luke Lutheran Church

5312 Comercio Way Woodland Hills, CA 91360 818 346-3070

Root beer floats afterward! ALL AGES WELCOME!

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COMING TOGETHER!
All Community Partners Invited!

- MEMBERS OF THE INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY NETWORK
- MEMBERS OF LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS
- REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL BUSINESSES
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CLEAN STREETS, CLEAN STARTS PROGRAM
- Members of Neighborhood Councils
- MEMBERS OF LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN THE SAN FERNANDO AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS

MISSIONARIES VISIT BETHLEHEM

By Marilyn Fursman

The congregation recently had a rare opportunity to visit in person with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich and the Rev. Dr. Mark Rich, Bethlehem's sponsored missionaries in Tanzania. Bethlehem was the first of many congregations they are visiting all over the U.S. while on a two-month furlough to share information about the work they do on our behalf. Thanks to Social Ministry Chair Mary Fisher and her team of volunteers, a charming "California Summer" theme greeted them, along with almost 30 members gathered in Chandler Hall on Aug. 24 for a spaghetti dinner. Then on Sunday, Aug. 25, they preached at both worship services and continued the conversation at the Sunday Forum, showing slides of Tanzania (and, yes, there are a lot of wild animals!).

The Rev. Dr. Mark explained that the first missionaries to Tanzania went hundreds of years ago to try to stop the Arab slave traders in East Africa. At that time mostly women were being sold to middle eastern countries. Now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, with more than seven million members, is the largest Lutheran church in the world.

The Christian promise of freedom—which has a great appeal to Tanzanians, who are under a strict and oppressive government—may help explain why the church is growing and everyone wants to be an evangelist. There is gender-based violence, curtailed freedom of speech and criminalization of LGBTQ persons. There is a huge wealth gap among the 55 million people of Tanzania, which is among the 15 poorest countries in the world. A third of the people live on 96 cents per day; another third live on \$1.25 per day (the official poverty line). A third of the women are married before the age of 18 and another five per cent before the age of 15. The average lifespan is 66 years.

The missionary couple do research and publication (look for their new Lenten study online) and they teach theological courses at an ELCA university with about 4,000 students (Tumaini University Makumba in Arusha). There is a great need for study Bibles and books (no science is taught in high schools).

They thanked the listeners for supporting their ministry and for paying for their transportation to California. While in the area, they spent a day at California Lutheran University and were able to arrange for participation in a teacher training program where they will send 100 of their students to CLU the first year and 300 students each year thereafter. The Rev. Dr. Mark suggested more ways to take part in what they do:

- Pray.
- Read and respond to what they share at MandCinTZ.com
- Give to your congregation's ministries.
- Pray for your pastors and council.
- Visit them in Tanzania.
- Give to special projects there.



NEWS FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

There are times when words cannot and do not express everything that needs to be said, and this is one of those times.

A huge THANK YOU just does not cover the gratitude and emotions that come with LSS/San Fernando Valley receiving a check in the amount of \$40,000 from the former St. Stephen's Council tithing opportunity and distribution. A great deal of time, effort, meetings, discussions and thought went into the distribution of the reserve funds from the merger, and again, words cannot express our absolute and total gratitude for these funds.

In our effort to be transparent with these funds, here are the projects we will be using these funds for: (1) Buying a van or truck to transport our daily pick up of food and donations from area grocery stores, churches and individuals (2) an endowment fund for single moms with children for emergency rent, utilities, medical expenses or motel vouchers; (3) Buying additional food from the LA Regional Food Bank (mostly perishables); (4) Opening our food bank another day of the week with additional staff hours; (5) Purchasing additional equipment for our Clothes Closet, such as rolling racks and window air conditioning units (there is currently no air or heating at the church in North Hollywood where LSS is located; and (6) Continuing to grow communities of holiness through helping the underserved, homeless individuals and families in the San Fernando Valley.

We will be collecting Thanksgiving type food for the months of September and October to give away at Thanksgiving. We are also collecting new toys for our annual Toy Give A Way in December. We will need extra help for both of those events if you have a couple of hours during the week to help, or if your children need service hours during the holidays.

Thank you again for all of your donations of food, clothing and household items week in and week out. And a special thank you again to the members of the St. Stephen's Council and Bethlehem for this incredible opportunity through your grant to LSS to continue helping the thousands of families we serve throughout the year, and that we have served over the last 70 years that LSS has been in existence.

Jan Maseda, Director, LSS/San Fernando Valley
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MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

We invite men of all ages to join us for fellowship the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at Coco's Restaurant in Mission Hills. See you September 4 or Saturday, September 21.

PASTORAL CARE

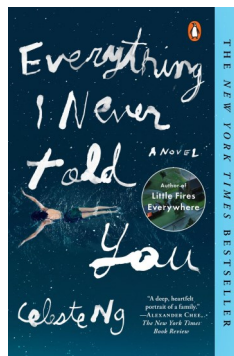
If you would like a pastoral care visit from one of our pastors, please contact the church office and let us know. (818) 360-4777.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on September 4 & 18. We will read "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng.

Childcare is provided and everyone is welcome! For more information please contact Pastor Megan.

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Also, check out our preschool Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bethlehemlutheranschool

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

If you see an empty spot on the worship leader schedule and you're able to fill in, please call the church office. You can serve one time or be put on a monthly rotation. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brooke Coffin
- 2 Bud Gundersen
- 8 Betty Pust
- 9 Manny Vasquez
- 10 Shaza Nassar
- 15 Lisa Chow
- 15 Mike Gleason
- 16 Andrew Akin
- 17 Dianne Tillman
- 18 Corwin Traylor
- 19 Isabella Cross
- 24 Deborah Imlay
- 26 Don Tillman
- 27 Karen Fouts
- 27 Emily Carlson
- 30 Robert Heyd



Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Richard & Barbara Yeager (1967)
- 13 Brian & Marsha Grefsrud (2003)
- 14 Ed & Peggy Kossart (1963)
- 16 Jerry & Ruth Anne Sitko (1973)



AUGUST STATISTICS

August Offering: \$21,541; Budget: \$22,917
 July Offering: \$30,709 ; Budget: \$22,917
 Fiscal YTD: \$266,306 ; Budget: \$275,000

Attendance:

August average at 9 a.m.: 48
 August average at 11 a.m.: 64
 August 18 -one service 10 a.m.: 105

July average at 9 a.m.: 43
 July average at 11 a.m.: 57
 July 21- one service 10 a.m.: 100

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum	2 Labor Day Church office & School Closed <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	3	4 <u>7:30AM</u> Men's Breakfast @ Coco's <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study <u>4:30PM</u> Fellowship Team Mtg <u>6PM</u> Book Club	5 <u>5:45PM</u> Children's Choir <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	6 <u>9:00 AM -Noon</u> Craft group	7
8 <u>9:00AM</u> Blessing of the Backpacks <u>10:10AM</u> Sunday School <u>11:00AM</u> Worship	9 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	10	11 <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study <u>4:30PM</u> Fellowship Team	12 <u>5:45PM</u> Children's Choir <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	13 <u>9:00 AM -Noon</u> Craft group	14 <u>8:30 AM-5PM</u> Mental Health Workshop
15 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship <u>10:10AM</u> Sunday School <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum	16 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	17 <u>11AM</u> WELCA Bible Study @ Marilyn Fursman's home <u>1:00 PM</u> Adult Ed Team Mtg	18 <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study <u>6PM</u> Book Club	19 <u>5:45PM</u> Children's Choir <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	20 <u>9:00 AM -Noon</u> Craft group	21 <u>9:00AM</u> Men's Breakfast @ Coco's
22 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship <u>10:10AM</u> Sunday School <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum	23 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	24	25 <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study <u>7PM</u> Council Meeting	26 <u>5:45PM</u> Children's Choir <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	27 <u>9:00 AM -Noon</u> Craft group	28
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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP LEADERS - 9:00 SERVICE

Blessing of the Backpacks

Date	9-1-19	9-8-19	9-15-19	9-22-19	9-29-19	10-6-19
Assisting Minister	Laureen Gleason	Mary Fisher	Max Stark	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Ryan Nakata	Scott Fisher
Reader	Connie Troe	Carla Cross	Pam Shea	Laureen Gleason	Kathy Fisher	Lisa Chow
Acolyte	Paige Gleason	Richard Liva	Alison Rubinstein	Paige Gleason	Natalie Nakata	Katie Nakata
Ushers	Katie Nakata	Brooke Coffin	Mary Fisher	Shea Clancy	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Carla Cross
	Carla Cross	Scott Fisher	Brian Grefsrud	Alison Rubinstein	Lisa Chow	Katie Nakata
Refresh + Juice	Nicole Hernandez-Liva	Connie Troe		Christine Foster	Lisa Chow	
Altar Guild	Cookie Cline	Susan Van Deest	Betty Pust	Betsy Kalusa	Betsy Kalusa	Cookie Cline

WORSHIP LEADERS - 11:00 SERVICE

Assisting Minister	Sandy Lazaros	Ron Kraus	John Cooper	Jill Goddard	Nancy Hall	Jan Maseda
Reader	Ken Cave	Dylan Yribe	Melisa Nusbaum	Kevin Rubinstein	Ron Kraus	Ruth Anne Sitko
Communion Asst.	Kevin Rubinstein	Ryan Yribe	Hannah Carlson	Kiera Nusbaum		Sarah Karzel
Ushers	Judy Cave	Ryan Yribe	Kevin Rubinstein	Ron Kraus	Kelli Yribe	Ken Cave
	Kevin Rubinstein	Judy Cave	Hannah Carlson		Janet Puchlik	Kevin Rubinstein
Greeter	Greg Imlay	Susan Van Deest	Marilyn Fursman	Nancy Hall	Greg Imlay	
Refreshments	Judy Cave	Yribe family	Konstanze Sessing	Gaynelle Barkley	Yribe family	
	Betty Pust	X	Laura Rubinstein	Jonelle Miller	X	
Offering Counters	Mary Fisher	Brian Grefsrud	Fred Ophus	Dwayne Schmidt	Janet Puchlik	Mary Fisher
	Betty Pust	Barbara Bond	Judy Cave	Carla Cross	Susan Van Deest	Ken Cave

2019 YOUTH WORKERS

September 5-7, 2019

El Camino Pines

All are welcome to attend (pastors, youth ministers, youth directors and volunteers) from both Southwest California and Pacifica Synods. The weekend is a time for us to gather, network and learn from each other. Please join us for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. This year's speakers are, Desta Ronning Goehner from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA. Register now at LRCChome.com. If you have any questions, please contact Nate Maxwell-Doherty at nate@lrcchome.com.

29TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN CAMP CLASSIC

September 20, 2019

Sterling Hills Golf Course in Camarillo

Come spend a day on the links at the 29th Annual El Camino Pines Christian Camp Classic at Sterling Hills Golf Club in Camarillo, to benefit El Camino Pines and Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences.

Registration fees include green and cart fees, BBQ dinner, gross & net awards, on-course contests and a donation to El Camino Pines. An exclusive golf package will be available for purchase at registration the day of the tournament. Register now at LRCChome.com. If you have any questions, please contact Lauri Egertson at lauri@LRCChome.com.



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