

The Good News

We are dedicated to sharing God's unconditional love and to telling the story of Jesus to all.

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Saints, Sinners, & Surfers

January 2012
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Sunday Morning
Worship Celebration
9:30 a.m.

Christian Education
8:30 a.m.

Monday
Souper Seniors Lunch
12:00 noon
Lounge

Wednesday
Feather Kids
4 p.m. Music & Movement
5 p.m. Music

Thursday
12 noon Handbells
7 p.m. Choir

Friday
11:30 a.m. Our Daily Bread

Looking Back at 2011



A Note from the Pastor . . .

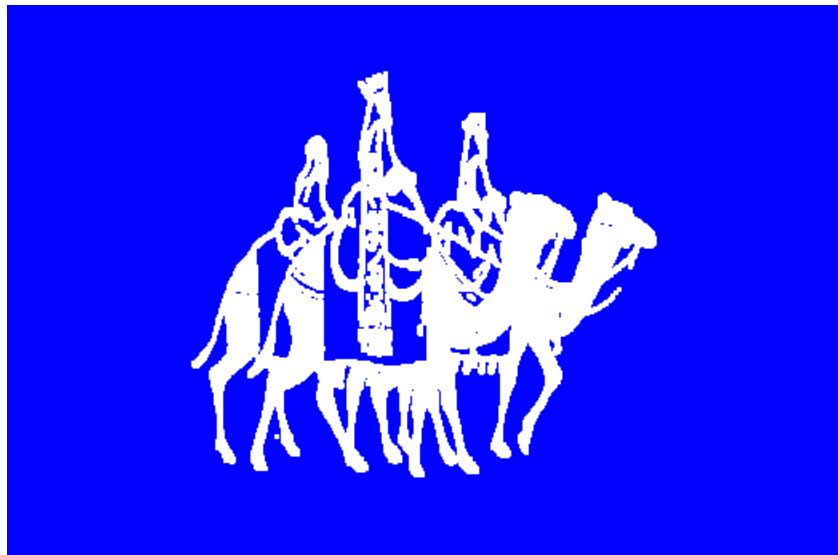
In our culture, the Christmas season seems to come to an abrupt end on December 25 with “after-Christmas” sales. But in many traditions of Christianity around the world the period between December 25th and January 6th is celebrated as the “12 days of Christmas.” In fact, in the Eastern orthodox tradition the festival of Epiphany on January 6th commemorating the coming of the wise men is the real climax to the season of celebration.

I like the idea that you need twelve whole days to really celebrate Christmas. It also helps us to recognize that just as the Christmas story doesn't end with the birth of the baby Jesus, the fulfillment of the story is the revelation of God's love to all the world.

God's peace,



Pastor Richard



Deadline for the January Issue is December 19. Articles can be faxed 858-483-5777, left in the church office, or E-mailed to clcsd@christpb.org. Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00—12:00 p.m. The Good News is published monthly by Christ Lutheran Church, 4761 Cass St., San Diego, CA 92109, 858-483-2300.

Interfaith Shelter

January 28 to February 11, 2012

CLC will again be hosting the Interfaith Shelter from January 28 to February 11, 2012. During those two weeks we will host up to 12 guests (singles, couples and families) who are working with a case manager to get themselves into permanent housing. The guests transfer between churches every two weeks and are able to stay for a total of eight weeks if they work on the program set up for them. During the time they are with us we provide breakfast, a sack lunch and a warm evening meal in addition to linens, toiletries and other miscellaneous items. On Sundays in January we will be signing up volunteers after church services to provide these items and help us with the project. Mary Swenson and Cindy O’Riordan are the coordinators. Please call us at the numbers below if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Mary at 858-488-7374 or Cindy at 858-459-4823



January

Our 8:30 a.m. Adult education forums in January will be the DVD/ discussion series, entitled, “Questions of Faith,” which features a variety of contemporary thinkers. As the introduction suggests: “If you are searching, striving to grow in faith, and to relate belief to life, you will find these contemporary thinkers helpful and stimulating.”

January 8	Who’s Got the Truth?
January 15	How Do We Right the Wrong?
January 22	What Gives You Faith?
January 30	What Happens after Death?

Special Forums

We will hold several special forums following worship on Sunday morning during January. Join us in the Lounge on Sunday.

January 8: Christian Education Committee and Parents.

January 15: Informational presentation and discussion of Associate in Ministry (AIM) Roster in preparation for calling Taflin Fisher as an AIM at CLC.

January 22: Review and discussion of 2012 proposed budget, in preparation for our Annual Meeting

January 29: No forum, Annual Meeting follows worship at 10:45 a.m. in Garman Hall.

Associate Ministry Program Informational Discussion

January 15, 10:45 a.m.

It’s hard to believe that it’s been a year since Taflin Fisher joined Christ Lutheran Church as our Coordinator of Caring Ministries. In these past months we have been abundantly blessed by Taflin’s presence with us. When we hired Taflin, we were aware that she had been serving as an Associate in Ministry at a sister ELCA congregation in Rancho Palos Verdes, since being commissioned in 2003. An Associate in Ministry (AIM, for short) is an officially recognized (rostered) lay parish worker, who has met ELCA guidelines, which include special theological training and experience. Because of the timing of filling our Coordinator of Caring Ministries position last fall, Taflin came to CLC without an official call, with the understanding that we would undertake this at a later date. At its December meeting, the Christ Lutheran Church Council joined in a conference call with Assistant to the Bishop of the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA, Rev. Heidi Hester, to gather information on Associates in Ministry (AIM) and the process of extending an AIM call to Taflin Fisher. In preparation for our upcoming congregational meeting on January 29, we will hold an informational meeting to answer questions about the AIM roster and the call process.

Council President Note

Hello!

Your Finance Team and Council are working on the proposed 2012 budget. We are looking at making one year benevolence gifts from the Kelsey Estate and are looking for your suggestions. Please talk with one of us before January 9th and let us know what "new" organizations we can support.

This is my last month as Council President as I have served the two year limit. I have one year left on my three year commitment and look forward to serving with my fellow members. I pray that you will ask God to let you know if Council is right for you. It's been a rewarding and wonderful experiences.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers they have made all the difference in my life. May your 2012 be filled with love, hope and everlasting memories.

With much love,
Cristine Holmer

Caring Ministry Connections

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.

~Martin Luther

Christmas was celebrated beautifully here at Christ Lutheran. Many thanks to all those who helped to deck the halls, cook and clean for our various celebrations, meet and greet, serve those who needed a hand up, care and pray for those who are ill or grieving, sing and ring, and all the other activities we joined in. We've helped to ring in a new year, full of promise for service in our Savior's name. I look forward to serving alongside of you.

Blessings,

Taflin Fisher,
Coordinator of Caring Ministries

Stewardship

Jan 1 to Dec 26

Income YTD
Expense YTD

General

\$ 569,126
\$ 600,602

Cash Flow

\$ - 31,476

Attendance:

Nov 20 = 102

Nov 27 = 118

Dec 4 = 110

Dec 11 = 112

Dec 18 = 82

Dec 24 = 285

Dec 25 = 48

As I write this, the year is not officially over, so I can't report on the final numbers for the matching gift program, but I can say to date over \$15,000 has been donated, for a deficit reduction of over \$30,000. (The numbers below are a bit misleading, the matching funds have not come in yet and the last few expenses have not gone out yet). The good news I can give at this time is that the renovation has been fully funded! As of January 2012, I will no longer be reporting numbers for what we still owe on the renovation project, because several very generous year end donations have helped us clear that deficit and the project has been paid in full. As my new year begins with construction to the roof of Garman Hall, repair of the HVAC unit above the office, and a major repair of the fire sprinkler line on the Missouri Street side of the property, I thank you all for stepping up and giving to help keep this place running, be it in clearing the old debts to the renovation project, or helping to reduce our current year deficit with a matching gift as so many of you did, thank you for stepping up. Happy New Year!

Sabrina Stern
Business Manager



**Sunday
January 22**

10:40 a.m.

Lounge

Bible Readings



January 1

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

January 8

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 15

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 22

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

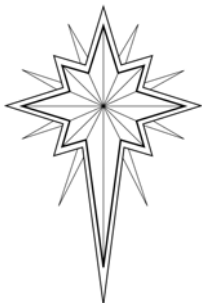
January 29

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



Faith Traits

As the new year begins the Christian Education Team is excited to announce the start of another 6 week session of Faith Traits on Friday, **January 13 at 6 p.m.** Faith Traits is our family ministry program at Christ Lutheran to create an ongoing Church-based support system for families.

Prior to this meeting we would like to gather on Sunday, January 8 after worship at 10:40 a.m. in the Lounge. This will be a time for us to evaluate the program and to make sure we are meeting the needs and expectations of the group.

During the January session we will discuss how the topic of the week relates to the adult and child relationship. All are welcome! Families come in all sorts of sizes and dynamics; we are all God's children and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ. We gather for a meal and brief worship together, followed by class/craft time for kids and discussion time for adults. We conclude at 7:30 p.m. For more information call us at 858-483-2300.

The Christian Education Team



Open Gym Nights

Monday, Tuesday &

Wednesday

You are invited to come and join the fun and fellowship at open gym adult Basketball every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30—8:00 pm. If you have any questions contact John Jay at 858-405-9153.



Jane Alford
 Brian Brown
 René Brown
 Van Cook
 Douglas Ellison
 Linda Ellison
 Ernie Fackelman
 Helen Hess
 Michelle Matson
 Cindy Nobel
 Ralph Patrick
 Paul Rajewski
 Mildred Reed
 Ralph Schuler
 Cheryl Simpkins
 Rick Wuerl
 Deborah Young

Family & Friends of Mary Jane Harrison upon her death.

All seminary students, especially for Jennifer Krushas & Christine Higuera-Street

Our Stephen Ministers

Those in the Armed Services and the Homebound



If you would like yourself or someone you love to be placed on our Prayer List, please call the church office. They will ask you the person's name and how long you wish for them to be on the list.

Music Ministry Notes from Paula's Desk

I want to thank everyone who gave of their time and talent to make our Advent and Christmas Liturgies so beautiful this year. You are all truly a gift!

Feathers Kids

Our 8 week Winter session will begin the week of January 11th. Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Music & Movement and 5:00 p.m. Feather Kids Music.

Worship and Arts will meet on Wednesday, January 18th at Noon in the Sun Room. Everyone is invited to come have lunch and offer your ideas for making our Lent and Holy Week celebrations the best ever.

Looking ahead:

Sunday Feather Kids Music and Movement will resume on Sunday, February 5th from 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Garman Hall Rm 5) for an 8 week session. These classes are open to infants-age 4 with parent/caregiver. You don't have to be a member of Christ Lutheran to join the fun. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

May you and your family have a blessed 2012!

Paula Mowbray
Director of Music



Souper Seniors

Monday Soup Lunches for Luther View and Christ Lutheran Seniors will resume on Mondays at 12 noon in the Lounge, beginning January 9. Suggested donation \$2.

Christ Church Women

Christ Church Women are a unit of the Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA. We extend an open invitation to all women to join in any of our monthly functions. Call Jo Ann for information 858-274-0483 or any of the Circle Leaders.

Jan. 3 1:30pm Martha Circle
Leader: Jo Ann Longerbone 858-274-0483

Jan. 7 10:00am Joanna Circle
Leader: Jan Stadler 858-200-7467

Jan. 10 Noon Mary Circle
Leader: Millie Mealey 858-453-1170

Jan. 22 10:45 Women's Open Forum
Leader: Leslie Lucas 858-531-7866

January Bible Study

Session 5 – “Confessing Christ”

Theme Verse: “*I believe, help my unbelief.*”

The questions about Jesus' identity become more pointed in these chapters of Mark's Gospel. No longer seen only as teacher, preacher and healer, Jesus' messianic identity is progressively revealed to the disciples. However, Jesus surprises those same disciples---and perhaps the readers of this Gospel---when he announces that he will suffer, be killed and then be raised from the dead. What can all this mean?

Keep saving Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops for Education that we send to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ. Drop them off in the box in the church office.



When we learn to smile at life, we shall find that the problems we encounter dissolve...

—Donald Curtis

Prayers & Squares (P&S) Ministry

14 (Sat) 10:00 a.m. Please mark the 2nd SATURDAY of Jan. on your calendar for our monthly P&S workshop.

Thank You: We tied 18 quilts in 2011. What a blessing all of those prayers have been.

We will be doing some cupboard cleaning in January and have plans to put together several simple quilts at our meeting in Feb. so we can do some outreach to shelters, etc. Come be a part of this new endeavor.

TIP: *To preserve a quilt that requires folding for storage, use generous amounts of acid-free tissue paper in each fold to prevent creases.*

God's Pattern: *Patterns of repetitive sin sink into our souls, making sin patterns harder to change. God's pattern allows us to run quickly to Him for forgiveness to prevent sin from becoming entrenched. Quick repentance keeps sin from burrowing into our souls and establishing its pattern over our thinking.*



Rwandan Orphans Project

There was a great article in gulnews.com. about Sean Jones. It told about Sean leaving the comfort of a well-paying job to be part of our orphanage in Rwanda and all about the orphanage. Please check it out at <http://gulnews.com/news/world/other-world/for-hope-and-the-thing-close-to-a-home-1.939919>. Through this article we have a new donor in Dubai. The children will all receive a Christmas gift and special dinner thanks to two other donors. We want to thank all who donated in our Christmas Card Project.

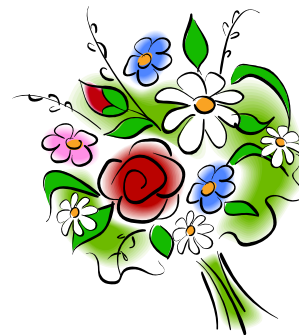
Book Group



All are invited to join the monthly gathering of the CLC Book Group, whether you have read the title for the month or not. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of every month (except December) at Open Door Books, where titles may be purchased. We'd love to have you join us!

CLC Book Group Choice 2012:

January 16: (N-F) 1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus, Charles C. Mann, 2006. Mann debunks much of what we thought we knew about pre-Columbian America, demonstrating that sophisticated Native American cultures were flourishing before European explorers set foot in the New World.



Chancel Flowers

Dedicating Chancel Flowers is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special day. Cost for an arrangement is \$45.00.

Sign up on the 2012 flower chart located in the narthex or call the church office 858-483-2300. Please note how you would like it listed in the Sunday bulletin.

You may pick up your dedicated flowers after the worship service on Sunday or in the church office on Monday.

Staff

Rev. Richard Rollefson, *Lead Pastor*
 Paula Mowbray, *Director of Music*
 Candace Springer, *Office Administrator*
 Sabrina Stern, *Business Manager*
 Taflin Fisher, *Coor. of Caring Ministries*
 John Jay Owens, *Campus Coordinator*



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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29

10:45 a.m.

Garman Fellowship Hall



Preview the 2012 Budget

Sunday, January 22

10:45 a.m.

Lounge

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i> Church Office Closed 9:30 AM-Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 AM-Renovaré (Lounge) 9:30 AM-Bible Study (Lounge) 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting 1:30 PM-Martha Circle (Canyon Villas) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM-Mail Crew (Lounge) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM-Liturgy Collators (Lounge) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH) 6:30 PM-Widowed to Widowed (Sun Room) 7:00 PM-Choir 12th Night Party & Rehearsal (Lounge)</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 11:30 AM-Our Daily Bread (GFH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM-Joanna Circle</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 8:30 AM-Christian Education (all ages) 9:30 AM-Worship 9:30 AM-Blood Pressure Screening (Church Office Lobby) 10:40 AM-Christian Education Committee & Parents (Lounge) 3:00 PM-Poetry Reading (Chapel)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00 PM-Souper Seniors (Lounge) 12:30 PM-Mary Circle (Jean Overstreet's Home)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 AM-Renovaré (Lounge) 9:30 AM-Bible Study (Lounge) 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH) 5:30 PM-Finance Committee (Library) 6:30 PM-Church Council (Lounge) 7:00 PM-ROP Committee Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00 PM-Feather Kids Music & Movement (Rm 5) 5:00 PM-Feather Kids Music (Rm 5) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 PM-Liturgy Collators (Lounge) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH) 6:30 PM-Widowed to Widowed (Sun Room) 7:00 PM-Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30 AM-Our Daily Bread (GFH) 6:00 PM-Faith Traits (Lounge)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM-Open Door Books (Chapel) 10:00 AM-Prayers & Squares (Room 7) 6:00 PM-Dance's of Universal Peace (Lounge)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM-Christian Education (all ages) 9:30 AM-Worship 10:40 AM-AIM (Assoc. in Ministry) Discussion (Lounge)</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Martin Luther King Day</i> Church Office Closed Good News Deadline 12:00 PM-Souper Seniors (Lounge) 7:00 PM-Book Group (Open Door Books)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 AM-Renovaré (Lounge) 9:30 AM-Bible Study (Lounge) 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting 5:30 PM-Basketball 7:00 PM-Luther View Board Meeting (Lounge)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00 PM-Worship & Arts Meeting (Sun Room) 4:00 PM-Feather Kids Music & Movement (Rm 5) 5:00 PM-Feather Kids Music (Rm 5) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH) 7:00 PM-Book Signing (Chapel)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 PM-Liturgy Collators (Lounge) 5:30 PM-Basketball (GFH) 6:30 PM-Widowed to Widowed (Sun Room) 7:00 PM-Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30 AM-Our Daily Bread (GFH) 6:00 PM-Faith Traits (Lounge)</p>	<p>21</p>

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29	30	31	February 2012			
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AA Dawn Patrol–Mon – Fri. 7:00 am, Sat. at 7:15 am
AA - Grupo La Palma – Mon. Tues. Fri. 7:00 pm
AA Doctors, Lawyers & Others – Wed. at 8:00 pm
CA on Cass – Thurs. at 7:30 pm
AA – 11th Step Yoga – Fri. at 8:45 am
NA the Otherside – Sat. at 7:30 pm
HA – I.V. League – Sun. 6 pm
AA PB Beginners – Sun. 8 pm