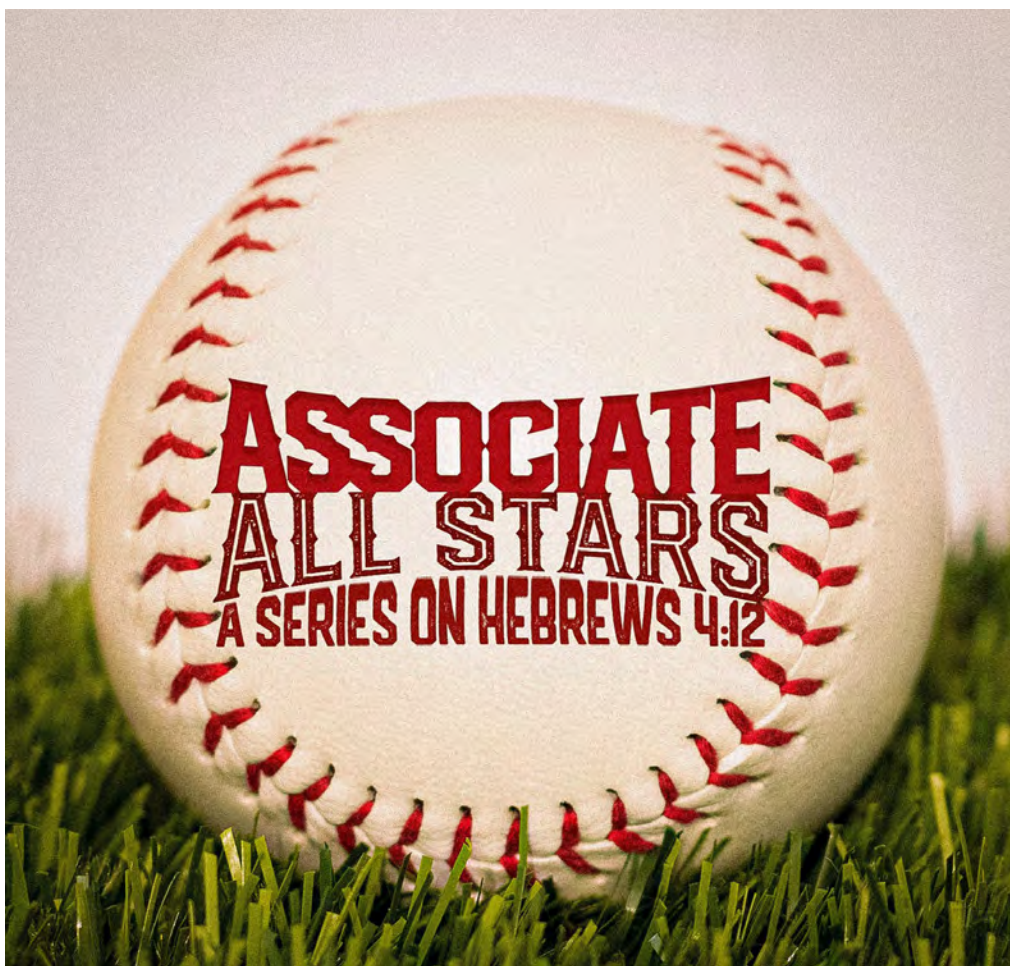




Connecting People to Jesus

Christ Lutheran Church and School is a 21st Century mission outpost where people are supported, equipped, and launched into ministry, acting locally and impacting globally.



Memory Verse

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Christ Lutheran Welcomes You!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us at Christ Lutheran! Please check us out at www.christcm.com for more information on all our ministries, missions and small groups. Need additional attention or direction? Give us a call in the church office and let us know how we can serve you! 949-631-1611.

We love having children in worship! We know that sometimes kids get a little antsy during the service so we've created a Wiggly Worship Zone in the back right section of our Sanctuary. This space includes kids' books and Bibles as well as a bookshelf with ESV Bibles and hymnals, clipboards, crayons, and quiet toys for families to use. Families are also welcome to utilize the nursery for children age 6 months to 3 years old.

Children, Junior High, & High School Ministry

Children's Ministry- We are so excited to launch into our school year schedule this morning! After a fun summer of learning and playing outside, we'll return to classrooms for Sunday School (room 112) and Kids' Church (preschool- room 113, elementary- room 112). We will also begin our new series on the "Epic Teachings of the Bible." We'll spend the next ten weeks exploring the Fruit of the Spirit. All children age 3 (and potty-trained) through 5th grade are invited to participate in Children's Ministry. If you have questions, please contact Emily Eltiste at miss.eltiste@christcm.org.

Youth Ministry- All youth in 5th through 12th grade are invited to join us today from noon-2:00pm for our Youth Ministry Fall Launch! We'll enjoy time together for lunch, games, and Bible Study. Meet us in the youth room at noon! If you have any questions, contact Emily Eltiste at miss.eltiste@christcm.org or Dana Peterson at mrs.peterson@christcm.org.

To stay connected to what is happening in Youth Ministry at Christ Lutheran, visit our website to subscribe to youth emails.

Confirmation

Registration for the 2019-20 confirmation class is available now through September 22nd on the christcm.com calendar online! Contact Nancy Jessup at nancy.jessup@me.com for details on volunteers needed to serve as Faith Mentors for our confirmands and information about confirmation. [Contact mrs.peterson@christcm.org](mailto:mrs.peterson@christcm.org) about confirmation.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT - CHURCH BUDGET - 9/1/19

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
9/1	364	\$ 28,916	\$ 26,455	\$ + 2,461
Budgeted YTD \$ 238,095		Offerings YTD \$ 203,566		\$ - 34,529

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Today During Equipping Hour: 9:20-10:20am

- **The Gospel of John** - Led by Ed Stelling in Conference Rm 1.
- **Loving God with Your Mind** - Led by Larry Vescera in Room 113.
- **Sermon-based Bible Study** - Led by Chris Bellew/Matt Williams in Conference Rm 2.
- **A Faith-Based Approach to Aging** - Led by Dr. Dick-Muehlke, PhD in Fireside Rm.

What's Happening?

- **SENIOR PASTOR CALL EXTENDED** On August 14, 2019, 130 registered members of the Voters Assembly gathered for a period of prayer and worship, a report from the Senior Pastor Call Committee, and, finally, a unanimous vote to extend a call to Pastor Drew Ross to be our next Senior Pastor. Please keep Pastor Ross, his family, and his current church family in your prayers as he seeks the Holy Spirit's will in this call.
- **TODAY: Please join us for "A Faith-Based Approach to Aging"** with nationally known expert Dr. Cordula Dick-Muehlke, PhD in the Fireside Room during the Equipping hour (9:20-10:15am).
- **TODAY: The 2020 New Testament Reading Calendars provided by the Kobon Ministry will be available** for you to pick up. These calendars will lead you in daily readings through the entire New Testament in one year. They are the same calendars that the Kobon people in Papua New Guinea will be using, but these are in the English language. They're available today on a special table on the plaza, and in the narthex and Welcome Center.
- **Call for Board of Directors Nominations.** At the July BoD meeting the following people were appointed to be the Nominating Committee for the 2019 election cycle as per the By-Laws:
Scott Roberts Dan Steuwe Becca Walls
The committee is coordinated by the Vice President, and the Senior/(Interim) Pastor is a non-voting member.
The two-year term positions that are to be filled and their current holders are:
President - Paul Schroeder Vice President - Tom Steinfeld
Member at Large - Liz Malone Member at Large - Eric Lehman
"All nominees shall be VOTING members noted for their Christian knowledge, zeal and experience in the spiritual work in the Kingdom." (By-Laws Article 11-A, emphasis added). Those making nominations must also be VOTING members.
Nominations will be accepted until October 1, 2019 to the Church Office Attn: BoD, to a committee member or to the BoD email address BoD@chritcm.org. Please provide a statement of the person's qualifications and their consent to be nominated and to serve if elected. Elections will be held at the Fall Voters meeting generally held in mid November. Questions can be directed to Tom Steinfeld at 949-646-8722 or tesarch@sbcglobal.net
- **Opportunities for Prayer Sponsored by Trellis** Convergence House of Prayer ("CHOP") is the first Tuesday of the month from 7pm-9pm at the Trellis office at 711 W 17th Street, Suite E5. The next one will be on September 3rd and all are welcome. Pray at the Flagpole is on the first Wednesday of each month at Costa Mesa City Hall. The next one is on September 4th. For questions please contact Terry Walls at terrylann@aol.com.
- **September 12th 9:30am: Women's Small Group Bible Study begins** a new 10 week study of the Apostle Paul. All ladies are invited to join. The group meets in downstairs Conference Room 1. Contact Nancy Kuhlman for information or questions at 949-548-5429 or nbkuhlman@gmail.com.
- **Starting on September 15th: "Reaching our neighbors (Muslims) with the message of God's love"**. Co-led by Pastor Glenn and Rev. Nader Hanna. Rev. Nader Hanna was born and raised in Egypt, a Muslim Arabic speaking country, currently lives in Huntington Beach CA, and works as an evangelist and itinerant speaker. Rev. Nader helps launch disciple-making movements among Muslims, and helps churches know more about Islam and how to reach Muslims in their communities with the message of God's love and salvation in Christ. Rev. Nader is a graduate of Concordia University, Cross-Cultural Ministry.

"He Is Able"

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A. It takes a team.

B. John's Vision of Heaven

1. The prayers of the Lord's people are valuable to the Lord.
2. There will be people from every tribe and every language in heaven.
3. We are all saved in the one and only way – by the blood of Christ.

C. Bible Translation

1. An alphabet is needed.
2. Communicating the meaning of new concepts with words they know.

D. Time and Eternity

1. The universe that the Lord has limited by time and his timeless universe.
2. A children's wonderland - C S Lewis's timeless world of Aslan's Narnia.
3. With the sun and the moon the Lord gave the Kobon measures of time.

E. God's Word...

1. speaks of God's Word
2. is alive, effective, powerful, a weapon, eternal, builds faith and sanctifies
3. was constantly validated by our Lord himself

F. Jesus taught that his Gospel is...

1. clear, straightforward and easy to understand
2. received or rejected with eternal consequences
3. the responsibility of the church to reach out to others with
4. both to their neighbors
5. and also to people at the ends of the earth

G. The joy of the PNG people that Jesus has come to through his Word

H. An enemy of Jesus becomes his greatest advocate and selfless witness

I. "He is able"... by his power at work in you and all his people

Sermon-Based Bible Study

Isaiah 55:11

1. What does this passage teach us about the author of the Word of God, and about the purpose, power and effectiveness of the Word of God?

Acts 22:1-21

1. What does this passage teach us about the Lord's love for everyone?
2. And about what he expects from us as members of his kingdom?
3. What does this passage show us about the Lord's forgiveness?
4. And about what he expects from us in the area of forgiveness.
5. What does this passage teach us about the Lord's power to transform lives?
6. What does he expects from me in this area?
7. What does this passage teach us about how the kingdom of God grew?
8. And what is necessary for the kingdom of God to grow today?
9. And what is my responsibility to nurture this growth?

Matthew 4:1-11

1. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' human nature?
2. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' divinity?
3. What does this passage teach us about the devil and his strategies?
4. What does this passage teach us about the Word of God?
5. What does this passage teach us about the Christian's armor?
6. What does this passage teach me about my areas of vulnerability and those about areas where I must be especially vigilant?

Prayers of the Congregation

Kobon Ministry: We thank the Lord that three of our teachers, Clara, Roger and George have arrived in Madang for a training course. Please pray that two other teachers, Ben and Usapo, and also coordinators Timothy, Hibru, Joel and Matthew will also arrive safely and in time for the course.

This week please pray for the Haruai Living Word Bible School at Ayump, for teacher Jokrer Front, and for all the students.

- Reverend John and Maila Davies, Lutheran Bible Translators, Papua New Guinea

Pray for Our Country, Our State, Our Leaders, Our Military: Austin Bowe, Evan Edison, Brandon Fernandez, Colin McFerran, Brandon McKnight, Greg Meline, Edward Miettinen, Parker Oest, Clint Sloan, and all members of the Military and their families...

PERSONAL

Donna Barnard
Gary Barnard
Dakota Becker
John & Mary Ann Breen
Janet Brock
Julia Brock
Jeff Clitheroe
Brown Family
Lilian Cardoso
Clark Family
Shannon Crogan
John Davis & Family
Jessica Donica
Danny Fowlie

Josh Freeman
Joan Hoffman
Corinne Hooton
Joey
Kristina Kittle
Kailey Martin
Kim Olson
Perry Family
John Paul Saraga
Marilyn Shirley
Shirley Smith
Jessica Tu
Vicky
Lucy Yee

Mission India

Church Planters in Tamil Nadu
- Simiyon, Vinoth
Year-long Children's Bible Club in Rajasthan
- Vinesh and other leaders
- 172 children

Kuwa Mission

Pray that our grant request to Water Hope for next years work will be granted.
www.kuwaamission.org

ILLNESS

Kimberly Allen
Alix
Jeff Amend
Art
Gloria Aushana
Ninfa Baena
Yolanda Baena
Teri Bauer
Curtis Becker
Nancy Bellinger
Charles Binks
Sommer Birkett
Ryan Birkett
Amy Bolks
Caryn Borland
Diana Boyer
Linda Bragi
Kathleen Brembile
Bill & Sharon Brown
Frances Campbell
Joel Chantry
Bob Carleson
Casey Family
Debbie Chermak
Kaitlyn Chermak
Kelly Chillarege
Gary Corbin
Kerry Crock
Colin Cunningham
Carol Currier

John Davis
Deakon
Paul Deheram
Allison Easton
Pat English
Barbara Eton
Emma
Richard Evseff
Geoff Fargle
Jacob Fesili
Dave Ford
Patrick Frericks
Sue Galligher
Deborah Garvey
Phil Giaquinto
Waynella Gonzalez
Jim Gorsline Sr.
Dan Groyl
JoAnn Guetzkow
Emily Hiller
Marvil Heins
John Hoffmoen
Matt Jaffke
Linda Jenkins
John & Margret
Judy
Kelly Kaufmann
Janet Kennington
Billy Klett
Donna Kours
Joseph Kocik

Scott Kocik
Betty Kovach
Julie Koonce
Neva Rosa Kehrler
Ellen LaBonte
Wanda Laker
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Hitomi Miller
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Sandy Putman
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Sabrina Rios

Denise Robb
Betsy Ruesler
Judy Schroeder
Sue Shambaugh
Mike Shuster
Chris Smith
Hunter Spriggs
Ryno Stein
Stephanie Stevens
Chris Stoddard
Jim Strannix
Delores Terry
Terry Toettcher
Lucy Valenzuela
Kathy Vandergrift
Vivian Vehrs
Marlene W.
Linda Wilson
Jim & Marlene Weisheit
Nancy Wells
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Christopher Wood

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Worship Schedule

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:20 AM Equipping Hour
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship & Kids' Church

Altar Flowers

The flowers that grace our altar today are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Sue and Larry Vescera in memory of Sue's mother Dorothy Schmitt Palmer .