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Living in God's amazing grace

Christ Lutheran Church
Mission:

"Our Mission is to reach out and share the Gospel with our Community."

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WHAT DO EASTER LILIES, WATER, EASTER CANDY and ELCA GOOD GIFTS HAVE IN COMMON?

Did you know that over 1 billion people in the world lack access to safe drinking water?

Did you know that approximately one third of deaths in the developing world are caused by contaminated water?

Did you know that according to the National Retail Federation, Americans spent nearly \$2.1 billion on Easter candy in 2011? That's not a misprint, that's a B as in billion and I wonder how much more last year. What if even a part of that spending were directed in a more meaningful way?

Did you know that CLC will be participating in ELCA Good Gifts this Lenten and Easter season? Instead of purchasing Easter Lilies that need to be watered, we will help bring clean, safe water to people in communities where it is desperately needed. Rather than buying candy or lilies this year, Jan Jensen will be happy to take your donations to be sent to ELCA Good Gifts water program. Checks can be written to CLC with ELCA Good Gifts water program on the memo line.

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WORSHIP & EDUCATION HOURS

SUNDAYS
Worship 10 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
Fellowship 11:00 AM
LENTEN SERVICES
Wed. Lenten Soup Supper/
Worship Services
6:00 PM/7:00 PM
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday
7:00 PM Good Friday
10:00 AM Easter Sunday

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DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Men's Bible Study	March 2
First Sunday Potluck	March 3
Dynamic Marriage	March 4
Soup Supper/Lenten Worship Service	March 6
Dorcas Circle	March 11
CLCCC Board Meeting	March 12
Soup Supper/Lenten Worship Service	March 13
Dynamic Marriage	March 18
CLC Council Meeting	March 19
Soup Supper/Lenten Worship Service	March 20
Family Night	March 22

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Pastor Julie Kanarr

“Fellowship is our specialty!” This year, one of the sections of the congregation’s annual parochial report for the ELCA had survey questions about various aspects of congregational life and ministry, and asked us to gauge ourselves on our relative focus in each area. The annual parochial report compiles membership and financial data and trends in congregations. There is a detailed trend report for every ELCA congregation (including ours) available on the ELCA website: www.elca.org -- click on the “find a congregation” tab on the upper right hand corner to get started. The parochial report also offers a variety of feedback and data to our synod/churchwide organization about what kinds of resources have proved useful, or not, and what new resources could be more useful.

Irrepressible laughter emerged from the church office as the Friendly Office Staff and I realized that, indeed, in the midst of everything that we do as a congregation, “Fellowship is our

specialty.” In the six months that I have been here, I have noticed how much this congregation enjoys being together and doing stuff together. I have noticed how quick this congregation is to invite newcomers to join in the fellowship time after worship....and how long that fellowship time can last, as folks continue to sit around tables and talk—and eat. I’ve noticed it, and I love it. Fellowship is our specialty: from the weekly Monday Morning Men and Wednesday Quilting groups to the Sunday morning fellowship time that is ‘more than coffee.’ From the monthly Family Night gatherings to the monthly serving of the free community lunch at the Baptist Church. From seasonal parties like Yule Fest to midweek Lenten Soup Suppers to the “let’s invite the new pastor and a few others over for dinner” and all the rest that there isn’t room to mention in this article, or that I don’t know about yet. Together with how quickly and enthusiastically folks rise to any project that involves coming together to do stuff (and share food..), fellowship IS our specialty.

And it’s a good thing! For one thing, it is fun, and more than that, it is a sign of our being a healthy and vital congregation. Fellowship is our specialty. And God is present in the midst of it. God is present in the midst of the connections between people. God *is* love. If we think about love being a connection that bridges the gaps between people, God is there. If we think in terms of Martin Luther’s encouragement that we be “little Christs” to our neighbors, God is revealed through the love and care we show to others. God

is present in the care and love that we receive from others. God is the one who creates and sustains human community in all of its forms. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there” Jesus says (Matthew 18:20). In working and in playing, in worship and praying, in service and compassion, in listening and in sharing, God is present among us.

Jesus keeps gathering his followers together around food and fellowship. Lots of that fellowship even involves fish! From feeding the 5000, to the last supper and beyond, from Emmaus to breakfast on the beach, from eating with tax collectors to parable after parable about feasting and celebrating, Jesus’ ministry has a lot to do with food and fellowship. One could even say it is his specialty! From the wedding at Cana to the feeding of the multitudes Jesus makes sure that there is an abundance of food and drink. Jesus reaches out, inviting EVERYONE to join in the banquet, proclaiming that there is room at the table for all, that there is always plenty of room for more and there is always a place for you. Fellowship IS our specialty....and it’s a specialty worth celebrating and sharing.

In Christ,
Pastor Julie

Scripture readings for
March.....

March 3 (Third Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 55:1–9, Psalm 63:1–8, 1 Corinthians 10:1–13, Luke 13:1–9

March 10 (Fourth Sunday in

Lent)

Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21, Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

March 17 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 43:16–21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b–14, John 12:1–8

March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

March 31 (Easter Day)

Acts 10:34–43, Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24, 1 Corinthians 15:19–26, Luke 24:1–12

CLC Google Calendar on our website!

Check out the new Google Calendar page on our church website!!

<http://www.christlutheranbelfair.org/calendar-google.html>

With this “new & improved calendar” function, you can see what’s happening. Clicking on any event will bring up more details about it. (For example, clicking on the “Third Sunday in Lent” will show you the scripture readings for that day.)

You can also access our calendar directly through Google, which offers the capacity to download it onto your own computer or smartphone’s calendaring program --email clcpastor@wavecable.com if you would like to receive the link.

While we strive to be as accurate as we can, there is always space for errors and room for improvement. It “takes a village” to keep the calendar updated. If you have updates, corrections, or cancellations

for the calendar, please send them to clcoffice@wavecable.com. While we know that we need to “grow into it,” our hope and plan is to keep the Google Calendar and the paper master calendars “in sync.” You can help – if you add something to the paper master calendars (either lodge or church), please leave a note for the Friendly Office staff so that we can update our Google calendar as well.

THRIVENT COMES THROUGH AGAIN!

Our Family Night Committee has been blest once again by the generosity of Thrivent who will be financially helping us with our Family Night gatherings each month. This calendar year they have committed \$1200 to this ministry, which reaches out to our community members to invite them for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Again, thank you Thrivent!

Below: Merry, one of our Thrivent representatives, introduced Scott White from Thrivent on February 10. He was here to present some awards to the Coalition and our Family night. See the articles on page 6.

THRIVENT NEWS

by Merry Quoy

As you all know, the Coalition of Churches was awarded a \$5,000 check from a grant they applied for with Thrivent for Lutherans. They are applying for another one, as suggested by Scott White.

Any of you with Choice Dollars are asked to get on line or the phone to direct those monies to the charity of choice.

Also, between March 1st and April 30th there will be a vote for all Thrivent members to take on whether to allow all Christians to become Thrivent members. Those who are outside the Lutheran Church will not be able to get the "Care Abounds" monies that we have been able to receive.

Our Family Night has been awarded up to \$1200 for year 2013, to help with the cost of preparations (food, games, crafts, invitations, etc.).

Thanks be to God for our wonderful Lutheran Thrivent Community.



LAST CHANCE TO BUY A PLATINUM CARD!

Ask anyone who's bought a 2013 2 for 1 Platinum Dining Card and they'll tell you it's paid for itself after only one or two times! We're now winding down this promotion and they'll only be available for a short time more. Call Phyllis at 275-3524 today to get yours. The cost is \$15 and half of the proceeds benefit CLCW (Christ Lutheran Church Women).

THANKOFFERING SERVICE – VERY SUCCESSFUL

Many thanks for all of the women (and men too) who contributed so generously to the Thankoffering on February 3, 2013. A total of \$807.25 was mailed to WELCA, or Women of the ELCA to fund various ministries for the year. It truly is a tribute to our church that everyone is so willing to participate and help those in need. A special thanks to all of the women who helped with the service. Thank you to Linda Zimbeck, Lois Ruck, Barb Granquist, Betty Webber, Adrian Lartz, Donna Kabelac and Sammy Warren. Also appreciation to Millie Braun and Karen Belford, and Bea Sande. I appreciate everyone's willingness to help with the service.

Lori Bloom



WELCA UPCOMING EVENTS

by Linda Zeh

2013 Spring Celebration Olympic Cluster will be held on Saturday, March 16th, 9am-2pm at Silverdale Lutheran Church. All ladies are welcome to come to this special day. Rabbi Stephanie Tivona Reith will be the speaker and workshops will be led by Pastor Beth Orling on Creating Body Prayers and Sharon McIntyre on Laughter Enrichment. The cost is only \$12 and includes lunch. Childcare is available. Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 3rd so we can RSVP our attendance if you are interested in joining a group of ladies from our church. For those who wish to car pool, we will meet at QFC at 8 am.

SW WA Synod Women's Spring Retreat will be held on April 19-21, 2013, Dumas Bay Centre, 3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA. Rev Mary Sanders from United Lutheran in Tacoma will be the pastor speaker. The cost is \$165 for full weekend including meals and \$110 commuter or Saturday only. This year's theme will be "F.R.O.G." Fully Rely on God. To register contact c.wilpone@comcast.net or call Cheryl Wilpone @ 253-584-4891.

2013 Region 1 Gathering will be held on June 21-23, 2013 at The Heathman Hotel, Vancouver, WA. Jane Kirpatrick will be the Keynote Speaker. "Jane is a master at using fiction to illuminate history's truths." This event is being held simultaneously with the Gather Bible Study intro event. Early registration is \$175 and \$195 after March 1st (lodging is separate--ask for Region 1 ELCA group rate). More information will follow.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Dorcas Circle will meet on Monday, **March 11, 2013 at 9:30am** in the Resource Room. The **seventh session of *Gathered by God*** can be found on **page 30** in the **March** issue of ***Gather***. The title is *Beneath Her Wings* by Audrey West. The contact person for Dorcas Circle is Barbara Granquist (275-8496).

Altar Guild is a group of people who are doing tasks to help with worship: communion setup, altar preparation for worship, keeping the paraments clean and in good repair, and making new paraments. If you would like more information about Altar Guild, please feel free to call and talk to Jan Jensen at 275-5639.

Quilting is going again and it is being done in the lodge on Wednesday mornings. If you'd like to find out more about how to help with quilting, call Mandy Wendell at 275-9365.

World Relief. If you have something you would like to donate for one of the kits, bring it to the resource room and make sure it is marked. If you need a list of the items needed, **please contact Merry Quy (275-5067)**. The contact people for certain kits are as follows:

Baby Layette: Ann Sprague

Personal Care Kits: Teri Jelinek

Bars of Soap: Merry Quy

School Supplies: Phyllis Newman

Quilt Coordinator: Mandy Wendell

Sewing Kits: Jan Jensen

This information is updated each month.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH AWARDED
\$5,000.00 FOR THEIR
MINISTRY**

On Sunday, February 10th, CLC members saw Scott White, of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, present a check for \$5,000.00 to be used to feed hungry local children through the North Mason Coalition of Churches & Community. These funds were awarded from the Thrivent FOUNDATION for Lutherans through their "Economic Outreach Bridge Grant". The purpose of this grant is to help Lutheran non-profits that work with other groups to meet needs in their local communities during these difficult economic times. On hand to receive these monies were Coalition leaders Linda Archambeau, treasurer, Kathy Davis, head of the Backpack weekend food program and Monna Haugen, CLC member involved in writing the grant and head of the school break Nutrition Food box program. A cake decorated with "THANK YOU THRIVENT" was enjoyed during the fellowship time after church.

Christ Lutheran's Thrivent Advocates, Merry Quy and Sherry Ortman, were responsible for finding this grant that Christ Lutheran could submit to benefit the Coalition's FOOD FOR KIDS programs.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...by qualifying for the fore mentioned grant, Christ Lutheran qualifies for a matching CHALLENGE grant to also benefit the FOOD FOR KIDS program. Christ Lutheran can act as the "Catalyst/Connector" for all the

groups and individual donors involved in supporting the Coalition's programs to feed kids. Every donation of \$2.00 will become \$3.00, \$20.00 will equal \$30.00, and \$200.00 will become \$300.00 as Thrivent adds another 50% to all funds that we raise up to \$10,000.00. In other words, they could give us a total of a second \$5,000.00.

A fund drive as well as a Potato Bake fundraiser on March 23rd at Christ Lutheran Church are being tentatively planned. The funds to be matched are due by March 30th.

The Coalition is always fund raising, and appreciates all donations! Over \$2,000.00 is spent every month to fill the 110 plus backpack sacks with food, and even more is spent when weekly boxes are filled and delivered to almost 100 kids during school breaks.

Checks can be made out to Christ Lutheran Church with Challenge Match on the memo line. Checks can also be mailed to NM CCC, PO Box 1331, Belfair, WA, 98528

**"THESE LUTHERANS HAVE
BEEN AWFULLY GOOD TO
US",**

Coalition Treasurer

Linda Archambeau recalled that the Thrivent Grant is the third one the Coalition has received from LUTHERANS! In 2010, Teri Jelinek wrote a successful grant to expand the backpack food program for kids and for funds for our Coalition Canning Corps. \$2,500.00 was received that year from the ELCA Domestic Hunger Appeal. Then the next year, Janice Stewart and Monna Haugen wrote a successful grant, also from the ELCA Domestic Hunger Appeal, to expand the backpack food program to Hawkins

Middle School, PACE Alternative High School and North Mason High School.

Several years ago, Diane O'Neal and Nancy Meier wrote a successful grant and received funding from the ELCA Domestic Hunger Appeal to set up the CLC/Childcare Garden. Our church has probably received much more than our share of funds from our national church's hunger and other programs!

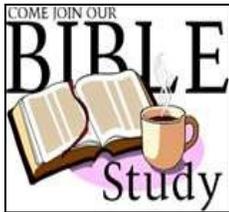
**ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB
FEED", MARCH 9TH**

Buy your tickets soon before they all sell out, for the 4th Annual NM Coalition of Churches and Community's CRAB FEED and SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER! Held at the Salmon Center's "Farm at Water's Edge" in the large barn that has never seen cows, the fun begins at 5:00 PM with a social and silent auction. The "All You Can Eat" meal begins at 5:30. The menu besides the Dungeness crab includes macaroni and cheese, cold slaw, and homemade rolls. Homemade cookies complete the meal. BRING YOUR OWN beverage and crab crackers.

If you have an item for the silent auction, please call Monna at 275-6217 by March 3rd. For more information call 275-0949 or 275-6816.

This is our all-volunteer Coalition's largest fundraiser and is always a lot of fun. We appreciate how the Christ Lutheran Table is always one of the biggest! PLEASE COME JOIN THE FUN! Funds raised support our Sunday Suppers, Wednesday FREE lunches, weekend backpack food and school break Nutrition Food Boxes.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST



The Men's Saturday Bible Study will be meeting again on **Saturday, March 2 at 8:00am in the resource room.** Pastor Clauson will be leading.

RAM'S HORN DEADLINE

March 15, 2012

Send articles to Barb Granquist
rgranquist@wavecable.com

**FAMILY NIGHT
 CELEBRATES EASTER!**



If you haven't been to "Family Night" at the lodge, you're missing out on a wonderful evening of fellowship with your church family and friends in the community. Sooo, mark your calendar for Friday, March 22 at 5pm! We'll be enjoying the holiday with food, fellowship and maybe an Easter bunny or two... See you then!



Your Family Night Committee

**FAITH IN ACTION
 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE
 DINNER**



The annual Faith in Action St Patrick's Day dinner is coming up on March 9, 2013. The traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served. Buy your tickets at FIA store or office before they sell out as seating is limited. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.



**SPECIAL DATES IN
 MARCH**

- 3 Mabel Moy
- 3 Jennifer Sarver
- 9 Debi LeGrand
- 10 Donna Massie
- 15 Brody Myers-Little
- 15 Jim Moy
- 15 Glenn Zimbeck
- 21 Ginny Harker
- 28 Donna Ford

**If any of this information is incorrect, please let the office know so it can be corrected.*

JOIN US FOR A WALK

We will be starting an outdoor event each month with hiking, bicycling and kayaking. The first event will be a day hike to lower Lena Lake on Saturday, March 9th. We will meet at the church at 8:00am and go from there. More information to follow or talk with Jerry Kabelac



**ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB
 FEED**

When: March 9, 2013

Time: 5:00pm Social and Silent Auction
 5:30pm Meal begins

Place: Salmon Center's "Farm at Water's Edge"

Purpose: Fund Raiser for Coalition of Churches

Tickets: \$25.00 Monna or Linda Zeh

See article on page 6 for details

PARISH NURSE NEWS

We live in an area that is not immune to disasters like floods, windstorms, snowstorms and earthquakes. There will be articles in the Ram's Horn for the next several months on how you can be prepared.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



1. GET A KIT

Gather Emergency Supplies

If disaster strikes your community, you might not have access to food, water, or electricity for some time. By taking time now to prepare emergency water supplies, food supplies and disaster supplies kit, you can provide for your entire family.

Even though it is unlikely that an emergency would cut off your food supplies for two weeks, consider maintaining a supply that will last that long.

You may not need to go out and buy foods to prepare an emergency food supply. You can use the canned goods, dry mixes, and other staples on your cupboard shelves.

Having an ample supply of clean water is a top priority in an emergency. A normally active person needs to drink at least 2 quarts (a half gallon) of water each day. You will also need water for food preparation and hygiene. Store at least an

additional half-gallon per person, per day for this.

Store at least a 3-day supply and consider storing a two-week supply of water for each member of your family. If you are unable to store this much, store as much as you can. You can reduce the amount of water your body needs by reducing activity and staying cool.

And don't forget to take your pets and service animals into account!

Disaster Supplies Kit

A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items that could be needed in the event of a disaster.

Assemble the following items to create kits for use at home, the office, at school and/or in a vehicle:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports,

birth certificates, insurance policies)

- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your kit based on the types of disasters common to your area:

- Whistle
- N95 or surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Household liquid bleach
- Entertainment items
- Blankets or sleeping bags

Pack the items in easy-to-carry containers, label the containers clearly and store them where they would be easily accessible. Duffle bags, backpacks, and covered trash receptacles are good candidates for containers. In a disaster situation, you may need access to your disaster supplies kit quickly - whether you are sheltering at home or evacuating. Following a disaster, having the right supplies can help your household endure home confinement or evacuation.

Make sure the needs of everyone who would use the kit are covered, including infants, seniors and pets. It's good to involve whoever is going to use the kit, including children, in assembling it.

Benefits of Involving Children

- Involving children is the first step in helping them know what to do in an emergency.
- Children can help. Ask them to think of items that they would like to include in a disaster supplies kit, such as books or games or nonperishable food items, and to help the household remember to keep the kits updated. Children could make calendars and mark the dates for checking emergency supplies, rotating the emergency food and water or replacing it every six months and replacing batteries as necessary. Children can enjoy preparing plans and disaster kits for pets and other animals.

Disaster Supplies Kit Checklist for Pets

- Food and water for at least three days for each pet, food and water bowls and a manual can opener
- Depending on the pet, litter and litter box or newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, and household bleach
- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container, a first aid kit and a pet first aid book
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets cannot escape. A carrier should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours. Be sure to have a secure cage with no loose objects inside it to accommodate smaller pets. These may require blankets or towels for bedding and warmth and other special items
- Pet toys and the pet's bed, if you can easily take it, to reduce stress
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated, and to prove that they are yours
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.

Additional Supplies for Sheltering-in-Place

In the unlikely event that chemical or radiological hazards cause officials to advise people in a specific area to "shelter-in-place" in a sealed room, households should have in the room they have selected for this purpose:

- A roll of duct tape and scissors
- Plastic sheeting pre-cut to fit shelter-in-place room openings

Ten square feet of floor space per person will provide sufficient air to prevent carbon dioxide buildup for up to five hours. Local officials are unlikely to recommend the public shelter in a sealed room for more than two-three hours because the effectiveness of such sheltering diminishes with time as the contaminated outside air gradually seeps into the shelter.

NOTE: Always keep a shut-off valve wrench near the gas and water shut-off valves in your home.

Content source: CDC Emergency Risk Communication Branch (ERCB), Division of Emergency Operations (DEO), Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR)

From the CDC Website

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1600 Clifton Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30333, USA
800-CDC-INFO
(800-232-4636)
TTY: (888) 232-6348
Contact CDC-INFO

CLCCC NEWS

*He is not here:
for he has been
raised.*

Matthew 28:6

What an awesome sight those women must have had that first Easter morn to be greeted by angels. Not only that, but what wonderful news they had to share with their friends back in town. I love to look for awesome times, when God shows up and assures me of His promises. May you have awesome times with God this month as your family gets ready to celebrate Easter.

We will be celebrating 2 times this month, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. You can join us for the fun if you like.

Our center has applied to participate in the Early Achievers Grant through the state of WA. It is a 3 year commitment and will have educational, financial, and facility improvements within the time frame of the 3 year time line. Our board is 100% behind this adventure and can share with you if you have questions. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we work through this process to improve our rating.

Themes for the month:

March 4 - 8 Colors of the
Rainbow

March 11-15 Lucky
Leprechauns

March 18-22 Spring Has
Sprung

March 25-29 Easter Blessings

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**CHILD CARE NEWS
AND VIEWS**

Thank you all for the blessings of the supplies you have shared with the ministry. We couldn't do it without you.

Happy Easter,
CLCCC STAFF

**CHILDREN AND TEACHERS
ARE LEARNING
AT CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHILD CARE CENTER**

by Monna Haugen

As a result of Washington State winning an Early Childhood "RACE TO THE TOP", our Child Care's teachers have a second path to their own learning and certification. Besides the availability of the "Teach" program, our staff can now earn their AA Degree in Early Education with 100% fully paid by the Opportunities program, part of CLCCC's Early Achiever's Grant. Eight staff members plan to apply.

CLCCC is also preparing to be rated for this grant, which is similar to our accreditation process. We are provided with a mentor, at no cost to us, to help us prepare for this rating process which will determine the amount of money, \$3,000 to \$9,000, that we will be given as a bonus, spread out over 3 years. We welcome Marissa Jones to our campus.

Our Child Care Director, Rose Moore, is also involved in learning by attending an Orientation in Olympia, three training sessions in Bremerton, and taking an online course.

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CHILDCARE WEBSITE

www.clchildcare.com

CLCCC is collecting Campbell soup labels to get new equipment. Last year we were able to buy 4 CD players and 4 DVD/VHS players. Keep them coming in. Thanks!

Our Child Care Center was well positioned to qualify to participate in this Early Achiever's Grant because Rose has continuously advanced the quality of learning opportunities for both students and staff.

GOOD NEWS: We have more new kids in our program, AND we have been blessed with 2 trainees from the Work Source program who now work at no cost to us; Jessica for 3 months and Amanda for 6 months.

MANY THANKS for all the materials that church members and parents have provided. We continue to hold costs down and appreciate continued support with learning materials.





Top left: Miss Rose L smiles at the baby she is feeding in the infant room. **Top right:** An early walker toddles across the floor. **Left above:** Miss Shawna gives a bottle to a baby in the rocking chair. **Above right:** Miss Shawna and Miss Rose L (pictured top left) chat while they feed infants and watch the other children. **Below left:** Miss Sarah holds her guinea pig while the children feed celery and carrot sticks to it. **Below right:** The guinea pig is back in his cage in his little house. **Far left page 10:** Miss Sarah cuddles her guinea pig before putting him back in his cage. *Photos: Barb Granquist*



BAPTISMS



Top left: Pastor Julie baptizes Jenny on January 20, 2013 while Ryder looks on. **Top right:** Pastor Julie baptizes Ryder on the same day. **Above left:** Baptismal promises by Nate and Jenny (parents). **Above right:** Nate, Ryder, Pastor Julie, Jenny and Bridgett (sponsor) pictured after the worship service. **Below left:** Richie, Ryan and Karlee holding Christopher at the baptismal font with Pastor Julie on February 17, 2013. **Below right:** Pastor Julie baptizes Christopher as Richie (uncle), Ryan Christopher (father) look on and Karlee (mom) holds him.





Top left: Pastor Julie baptizes Karlee as her family and church family gather round her. **Top right:** Pastor Clauson assisted Pastor Julie in the baptisms. **Above left:** Karlee and Ryan hold lighted candles as they make their baptismal promises. **Above right:** A cake from Christ Lutheran welcomes Karlee and Christopher into our church family. **Below left:** A celebration was held in the fellowship with lots of tamales made by Grandma Mandy and a crew of helpers. **Below right:** Gathering in the fellowship hall everyone took part in our specialty.....fellowship.

Photos: Sheryle Geister, Mandy Wendell and Barb Granquist



THRIVENT PRESENTS GRANT MONEY



Top left: Scott White from Thrivent listens as Monna Haugen talks about the work the Coalition of Churches does with Linda Archambeau and Kathy Davis from the coalition looking on. **Top right:** Scott White talks about the presentation of the money. **Above left:** Scott is speaking as Monna, Linda and Kathy look at all the zeroes on the check. **Above right:** Scott, Linda and Kathy listen as Monna thanks Thrivent for the grant money. **Below left:** Scott, Monna, Linda and Kathy with the Thank You Cake. **Below right:** A display was on a table in the fellowship hall with an example of the backpacks and food boxes that are distributed.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00a Men's Bible Study Prison Visit
3 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a First Sunday Potluck	4 10:00a-12:00p Monday Morning Men 6:30p Dynamic Marriage	5	6 10:00a Quilting 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00p Lenten Service	7	8	9
10 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School	11 10:00a-12:00p Monday Morning Men 9:30a -12:00 Dorcas Circle	12 4:00p CLCCC Board Meeting	13 10:00a Quilting 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00p Lenten Service	14	15	16
17 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School	18 10:00a-12:00p Monday Morning Men 6:30p Dynamic Marriage	19 5:30p CLC Council Mtg.	20 10:00a Quilting 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00p Lenten Service	21	22 5:00p Family Night	23
24 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School	25 10:00a-12:00p Monday Morning Men	26	27	28 7:00p Maundy Thurs. Communion	29 7:00p Good Friday Service	30
31 10:00a Worship Easter 10:00a Sunday School 11:30-12:30p Easter Brunch						

March 3, 2013
 Reader: Jan Jensen
 Ushers: Dick Quy & Phyllis Newman
 Greeters: Glenn & Linda Zimbeck
 Communion Assist.: J. West & a. Lartz
 Counters: D. Haugen & Barb Granquist
 Refreshments: First Sunday Potluck
 Flowers: No flowers Lent

March 10, 2013
 Reader: Linda Zeh
 Ushers: Glenn & Linda Zimbeck
 Greeters: Dick & Merry Quy
 Communion Assist.: J. West & M. Braun
 Counters: Linda Zeh & Karen Belford
 Refreshments:
 Flowers: No flowers Lent

March 17, 2013
 Reader: Lois Ruck
 Ushers: Cliff & Fran Little
 Greeters: Linda Zeh & Barb Granquist
 Communion Assist.: J. West & A. Larts
 Counters: Phyllis Newman & G. Zimbeck
 Refreshments: **
 Flowers: : No flowers Lent

March 24, 2013
 Reader: Phyllis Newman
 Ushers: Bev & Mandy Wendell
 Greeters: Byron & Lois Ruck
 Communion Assist.: J. West & M. Braun
 Counters: D. Granquist & P. Newman
 Refreshments: **
 Flowers: : No flowers Lent

March 31, 2013
 Reader: Barb Granquist
 Ushers: Barb & Dick Granquist
 Greeters: Dick & Merry Quy
 Communion Assist.: J. West & L. Zimbeck
 Counters: Cliff Little & Karen Belford
 Refreshments: **
 Flowers: **

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