



# Focus on Christ

*OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.*

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Lutheran  
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A Christ-  
caring  
community

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## Interim pastor's May 2017 message

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Now what?!

Someone said, "Easter shows you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." So what is this unstoppable truth we proclaim?

In these Sundays after Easter, the texts from John's gospel account (and one from Luke's) reveal the risen Christ in the breaking of bread, as the Good Shepherd, as the one who sends the Holy Spirit to accompany believers, and as "the way, the truth and the life." God's truth is that Christ brings new life to humanity now and forever; it is the truth that in the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion we are claimed, equipped and sent to continue Christ's mission of making God's forgiveness, peace and grace visible in the world.

We are never alone in this; we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, sent at Pentecost to inspire and guide us. Pentecost will be celebrated on June 4 – the same day **Charlie Lewis** and **Isaac Barton** make their Affirmation of Baptism. This special worship will take place at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary's Chapel of the Cross with CLC's joint-confirmation-program partner congregations. It will also be the last chance to worship in the chapel before PLTS moves off the hill and into a building in downtown Berkeley. So please plan to be there on **June 4** to support Charlie and Isaac, and to give thanks for their faith, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the blessings of PLTS at any location, and especially for the love of God revealed in the crucified and risen Christ!



## Synod Assembly will be in Fresno this year on May 4-6.

Pastor Lori, husband Steve, Helen and Becky will be attending this year's Synod Assembly being held in Fresno May 4-6. They are asking for "in kind gifts" of **baby diapers and personal items for women** which will go to the Marjoree Mason Center in Fresno, a facility for women and children. . We also need **cookies or bars** for snacks during the assembly. Contributions from CLC should be drop off at the church office by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Congratulations to our Graduates:** Chelsea Vainio & Soren Rohrbach from Pinole Valley High School, Rafaela Rohrbach from Humboldt College, Adam Schneider, PhD, from UC Berkeley, Chris Larsen, MLIS, from San Jose State, and Ellen (Graves) Williams from PLTS. Prayers and best wishes from your CLC church family. Make us proud!

# The weeks to come

Sun., April 30	10 AM	Worship
		Interim Pastor's Report
	12 PM	Mira Vista Service
	7 PM	Al-Anon
Mon., May 1	9 AM – 2 PM	Senior Center
	7 PM	Opera Group
Tues., May 2	4:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	7 PM	AA Meeting
Wed., May 3	6 PM	Joint Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Choir
Thur., May 4	7 PM	UCC Choir
May 4 -6		Synod Assembly
Sat., May 6	8 AM	Men's Breakfast
	6 PM	AA Mtg.
Sun., May 7	10 AM	Worship
	12 PM	Mira Vista Service
	3 PM	Hymn Fest
	7 PM	Al-Anon
Mon., May 8	9 AM – 2 PM	Senior Center
	7 PM	Opera Group
Tues., May 9	3:30 PM	Vale
	6:30 PM	Worship Team Mtg.
	7 PM	AA Mtg.
Wed., May 10	7 PM	Bell Choir
	8 PM	Choir
Thur., May 11	7 PM	UCC Choir
Sat., May 13	9 AM	AAUW
	6 PM	AA Mgt
Sun., May 14	10 AM	Worship
	12 PM	Mira Vista Service
	7 PM	Al-Anon
Mon., May 15	9 AM – 2 PM	Senior Center
	7 PM	Opera Group
Tues., May 16	4:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	7 PM	AA Mtg.
Wed., May 17	7 PM	Bell Choir
	8 PM	Choir
Thur., May 18	7 PM	UCC Choir
Sat., May 20	6 PM	AA Mtg.
Sun., May 21	10 AM	Worship
	12 PM	Mira Vista Service
	7 PM	Al-Anon

## Celebrating in Our Community

May 1	Arianna Pangelina	May 16	Anniversary of Lars & Bertha Rohrbach
May 4	Moxie Evan	May 17	Chelsea Vainio
May 6	Brain Osman	May 18	George Fosselius
	Sophia Lewis	May 19	John Pangelina
May 9	Douglas Koehn	May 25	Anniversaries of Lysle & Ken and Arlin & Phil
May 11	Anniversary of Christine and Craig Lewis	May 29	Issac Barton
May 13	Melissa Vainio	May 30	Paula Meader
	Rachel Hernandez		
May 15	Carol Freer		

**Hymn Fest; Welcome the Stranger!** All are invited to join the congregations from the Sierra Pacific "Synod Bridges Conference in an afternoon of singing, reflection, and fellowship. It will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1658 Excelsior Avenue, Oakland on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Hear our CLC choir as they join with choirs from Napa Valley, St. Paul's Oakland and University Lutheran Chapel. Reception following. A free will offering with benefit immigration support in our Conference and Synod.



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Mon., May 22	9 AM – 2 PM	Senior Center
	7 PM	Opera Group
Tues., May 23	3:30 PM	Vale
	7 PM	AA Mtg.
Wed., May 24	5:30 PM	WOW
	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Choir
Thurs., May 25	6:00 PM	Steering Team Mtg.
	7 PM	UCC Choir
Sat., May 27	6 PM	AA Mtg.
Sun., May 28	10 AM	Worship
	12 PM	Mira Vista Service
	7 PM	Al-Anon
Mon, May 29	Mem. Day, No Senior Center	
Tuesday, May 30	7 PM	AA Mtg.
Wed., May 31	7 PM	Bell Choir
	8 PM	Choir

### New Office Hours at CLC

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, our office manager will be in the office Tuesday-Friday, 1 pm – 4 pm. Pastor Lori's normal hours will remain the same.

### An Easter Season Thought

*Wherever there is a movement of peace, an action of love, an authentic statement of life, there is Jesus being raised.*