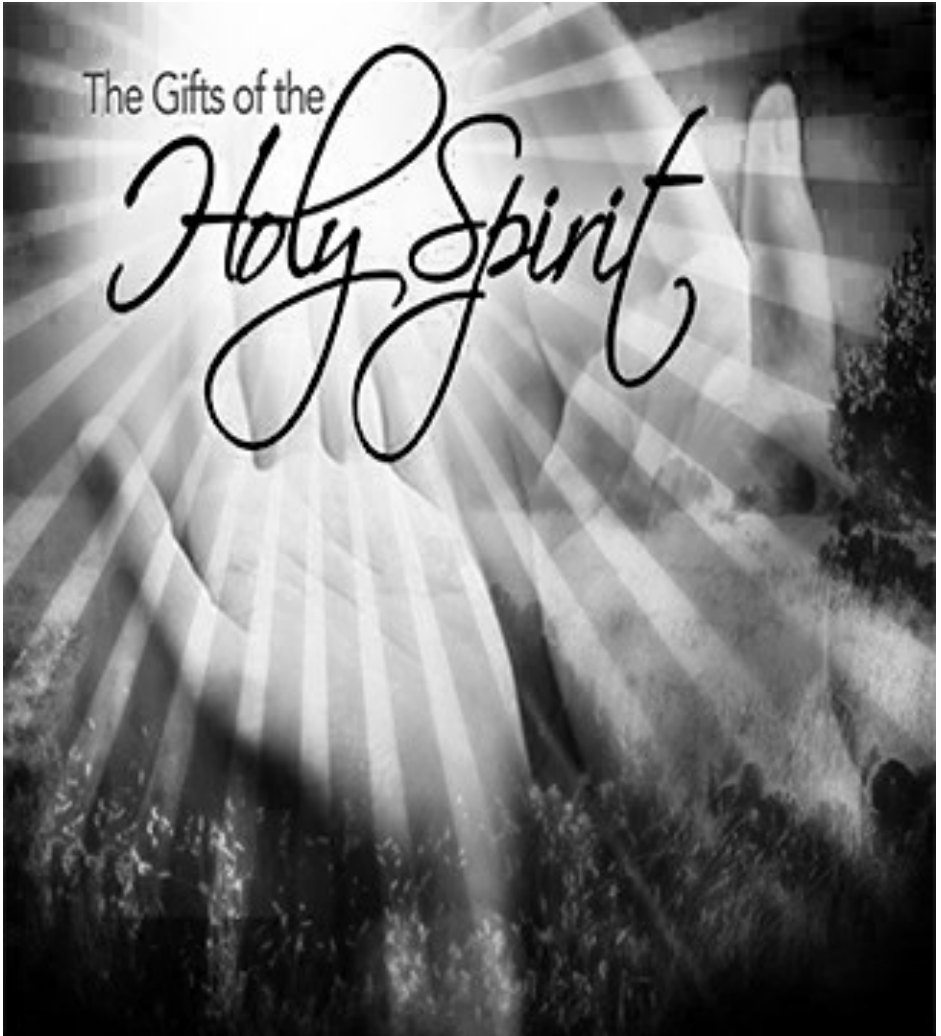




*Connecting People to Jesus*

A Congregation of  
The Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod



Sunday, September 15, 2013

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

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# CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us at Christ Lutheran! Please check us out on the web [www.christcm.com](http://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 or [1dline@christcm.com](mailto:1dline@christcm.com)

## Weekly Studies: (Bible Study, LifeGroup, ChristCare)

### Sunday

The Gospel of John ~ Pastor Mike Gibson 9:20AM Conference Room 107  
The Solid Step ~ Pastor Glenn Shelton 9:20AM Fireside Room...a 12 week course about the fundamental teachings of the Christian Faith.  
New Apologetics ~ Dr. Larry Vescera 9:20AM ~ Rm.114, focusing on contemporary themes relating to family, personal growth, cultural issues, & relationships with God.  
The Books of the Thessalonians ~ Duane Rohmaller & Ed Stelling 9:20AM ~ Rm. 113  
Sermon Based Life Group ~ Dean Damman 9:20AM ~ Rm 112  
ChristCare ~ David and Cherry Kunert ~ 5PM ~ their home 949-698-9612

### Monday

Adult Bible Study ~ Neva Rose Kehrer - 10AM - Conference Room 107 - 714-904-5355  
Young Adults Life Group (PASTA night) ~ 2nd/4th Mondays 7PM at Pastor Mike's home.  
\*\*New contact: Ian Fewel...Contact Ian at [ianfewel@gmail.com](mailto:ianfewel@gmail.com) for more information  
ChristCare ~ Pastor Joe - 3rd/4th Mondays 7PM - locations vary - 714-557-5891  
ChristCare ~ Joanne Kleppe - every other Monday 10AM. Locations vary - 714-968-4074

### Tuesday

Adult Bible Study ~ Chuck Newman - 10AM - Conference Room 107 - 714-962-2033  
Men's Book Group ~ Tom Willson - 7-8AM - at Panera Bread - [trwillson@gmail.com](mailto:trwillson@gmail.com).  
ChristCare ~ Parker & Alice Irely - 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7PM - at their home - 714-418-9456  
ChristCare ~ Pam McPhee - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7PM - at her home in HB - 714-968-0350

### Wednesday

ChristCare ~ Mandy Ruiz - alternating Wed.'s 6:30PM - locations vary - 714-916-3414  
ChristCare ~ Dale Edwards - Wednesdays 7PM - various locations - 714-241-7400  
Women's ChristCare ~ Kathy Crogan - Wednesdays 9:30 AM - Conference Rm. 107 - 714-751-0718

### Thursday

Men's Bible Study ~ Chris Fewel - 6:30AM - Fireside Room - 949-285-2160  
ChristCare (LifeGroup Study) ~ Pastor Strubbe's home - 2nd/4th Thursdays 1:30PM 714-401-5891  
ChristCare ~ Susan Almaraz - 1st, 3rd, 5th Thursdays 7PM - Various Locations - 949-559-1809  
ChristCare ~ Sharon Sutton - 2nd/4th Thursdays 7PM - various homes - 949-642-1751  
ChristCare ~ Steve and Nancy Fiduk ~ 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7PM at their home 714-848-1570  
Women's ChristCare ~ Nancy Kuhlman ~ 9: 30AM Nursery in Narthex - 949-548-5429  
Women's ChristCare ~ Bette Flick ~ 9:30AM Conference Rm. 107 - 714-434-3865

### Friday

Women's ChristCare ~ Mona Hill - every other Friday 9:45AM - Mona's home - 714-545-6601  
ChristCare (Life Group Study) ~ Debbie Miller - 1st/3rd Friday 7PM - Deb's home - 714-964-9384

### Saturday

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study ~ Herb Theiss - 7:30AM - Gym kitchen/Conf. Rm.107 - 714-556-6921  
Women's Breakfast/Bible Study ~ Alice Irely 7:30AM - Coco's Restaurant - 714-418-9456

## Student Ministry

**CLUB 56 - TOMORROW NIGHT SEPTEMBER 16th - DUCT TAPE NIGHT - 6 to 8PM.** We will meet in the youth room for Duct Tape Night. We are asking everyone to bring a roll of Duct tape this evening for a night that will STICK with you for a long time.

**JR. HIGH – WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 18 - KERPLUNK** - The game "KerPlunk" was first sold in 1967. In the 46 years since, I promise the game will have never been more exciting than what we have planned this coming Wednesday Night. We welcome any 7th and 8th grade student to join us in the youth room from 6:00 to 8:00. It will be a great time.

**SR. HIGH – GIANT GAME TONIGHT-** Join us tonight from 6:00-8:00 in the youth room for "Giant Game Night" where we will be playing versions of some of your favorite games, just GIANT. Hope you can make it and we will see you there.

Questions?? Contact Kyle at [1kfrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1kfrazier@christcm.com) or at 949-631-1611

**If you are new** please register online by completing our medical release and information form at [www.christcm.com/Youth\\_forms.htm](http://www.christcm.com/Youth_forms.htm). You can do so by scanning this QR code with your wireless device.



## Children's Ministry Starts a Brand New Year TODAY!

Children in Preschool-5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School every Sunday from 9:20am-10:20am or Kids Church during the 10:30am service before the sermon. Preschool meets in the Yellow Star Rm. #109 & K-5 meets in the Youth Room located adjacent to the sanctuary. *We've switched everything over to an electronic check-in system, so be sure to register your children TODAY at one of the designated areas (outside the Youth room & in the front of the church in the Narthex).* Families will be asked to check their children in each week for Sunday School/Kids Church. For the rest of September, we'll be learning about COURAGE. **Courage is being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.** God is big enough to handle anything, He'll always be with us, and He'll provide for all our needs! The monthly memory verse is: **"When I'm afraid, I will trust in You," Psalm 56:3.**

Questions? Contact Sally Brink at [mrs.brink@christcm.org](mailto:mrs.brink@christcm.org). *Stay Connected!* "Like" Christ Lutheran Costa Mesa Children's Ministry on Facebook!

## What's Happening ?

- **SENIOR LUNCH NEWSFLASH...**Oh, not to worry, we plan to continue the lunches, however we will be changing the day from the 3RD THURSDAY of the month to the 3rd WEDNESDAY. So mark your calendar for Wednesday September 18th at 11AM in the Fireside Room. All seniors are invited. Cost is \$5 for fun, fellowship and good food...ALWAYS accompanied by a surprise YUMMY dessert!
- **Want to become a member of Christ Lutheran?** You were designed to be a part of a church family. And that's exactly what we would like to be! Join us on Wednesday evening October 9th at 7PM in the Fireside room to **EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S COMMUNITY...** an informal introduction to our church family and what our church is all about. There is no pressure whatsoever to join; we want you to be comfortable with whatever you choose. This may be your next step and is offered for any and all who desire to know more about us and about membership within our family. RSVP to Debbie at [1dline@christcm.com](mailto:1dline@christcm.com) or (949)631-1611.
- **Did you know** that batteries are considered hazardous waste & shouldn't be thrown in the trash? Christ Lutheran is participating in a pilot program for an Alkaline Battery Recycling Program through the Costa Mesa Sanitation District. We're 1 in 5 schools invited to participate. The winning school will get \$1,000! Please drop off your used alkaline batteries (no rechargeable ones please) in the buckets located in the office, outside the computer lab, or in the church. We'll be collecting batteries through May. For more information, please contact Jen Haskell at 714/323-1365
- **WEEK of service begins today...**check the tables on the patio and see where you can serve!
- **THANKS to all who supported the 14<sup>th</sup> TIJUANA HOUSE BUILD MISSION** by eating at Wahoo's last Tuesday and for those who have contributed and will contribute through special offerings! The \$2500 for each build covers the material costs, Spanish Bibles and beans and rice for the family who gets the house and their neighbors as we share the love of Jesus through our actions, time and gifts.
- **Mark your calendar:** The Annual Oktoberfest Party will be held on Saturday night, Oktober 19th. More details soon.
- **The fall Bike Ride to San Diego** will be October 26-27. Contact Kathy Shamrell for information. (714)785-6456, [nellayhtak@aol.com](mailto:nellayhtak@aol.com).
- **Flu season is upon us!** Get your flu shots at the Flu Clinic on October 6<sup>th</sup> after each service. It is sponsored by Hoag Health Ministries.
- **Join us on October 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Fireside Room for a lecture presentation by our very own Ruth Ann Brinkmann, PhD on "Build Up Your Child's Bully Defense." You can win a free copy of her book "A Walk through Parenting: Create Your Personal Parenting Plan!" Questions? Contact Nancy at [n.nfiduk@verizon.net](mailto:n.nfiduk@verizon.net)
- **Midweek Next Step Classes STEP IN!** Discover your *SHAPE* for ministry, Wed. Sept. 18th and 25th. Classes are in the Fireside Room - 7-8:30 PM. Please register your participation with Shannon at [ms.frost@christcm.org](mailto:ms.frost@christcm.org)
- **You can still join the Sanctuary Choir!** We rehearse every Thurs. from 7:30 - 9, & sing at the 8:00 service about 3 times a month plus holiday services & the Christmas concert. Contact Pastor Strubbe: 714/401-5891 or [josephstrubbe@yahoo.com](mailto:josephstrubbe@yahoo.com).
- **Pictorial Directory....**Look for the table on the patio today to sign up to get your picture taken on October 3rd, 4th or 5th. Sign ups will continue on 9/22 and

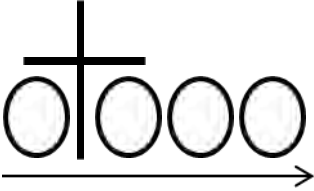
# MESSAGE NOTES

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2013

**Follow the sermon outline and make notes on your phone or wireless device!**  
 Christ Lutheran's YouVersion Live Event of today's sermon is available by visiting:  
[www.a.youversion.com/events/260308](http://www.a.youversion.com/events/260308) or by scanning the QR Barcode to the right.  
 When you see Scripture references, you have the option to click through the expanded passage of the Bible and read it in context.



### FORWARD IN FAITH: SERVING IN COMMUNITY



**WHAT MOVES YOU?**

**B \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ E! AND S \_\_\_ RV \_\_\_!**

1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4

...**A TRADE SECRET THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS...**

#### WHAT'S A SPIRITUAL GIFT?

*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.*  
 (1 C. 12:1)

"A spiritual gift is a \_\_\_\_\_ capability entrusted to Christ followers for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ the church."

- Operating within your spiritual giftedness is \_\_\_\_\_!
- It is \_\_\_\_\_!
- It puts a \_\_\_\_\_ on your soul!
- It is faith \_\_\_\_\_.

**And God wants every one of His children to experience this!**

**HERE'S MY "HEAD-POPPING" THOUGHT FROM GOD...**

#### Spiritual Gifts List (Romans 12, Ephesians 4 & 1 and Corinthians 12)

Administration; Apostleship; Craftsmanship; Creative Communication; Discernment; Encouraging; Evangelism; Faith; Giving; Healing; Helps; Hospitality; Intercession; Interpretation; Knowledge; Leadership; Mercy; Miracles; Pastor / Shepherding; Prophecy; Teaching; Tongues; Wisdom

#### YOUR NEXT STEP(S)

1. **STEP IN** Spiritual Gifts discovery on Wednesday, September 18 & 25, 7 – 8:30 PM
2. Complete the enclosed "**Hot List**" of ministries that NEED you/volunteers
3. **Week of Service**

(Key: Exploring; New; Growing; Christ Centered; Divine; Strengthening; Thrilling; Supernatural; Smile; Building)

#### CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 9/8/2013

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
9/8	430	\$ 30,572	\$ 23,732	\$ +6,840
	<b>Budgeted YTD \$ 237,320</b>		<b>Offerings YTD \$ 213,848</b>	
				<b>\$ -23,472</b>

#### 4 Those 2 Come Capital Campaign

9/8 **Pledged \$1,577,000 ~ Received To Date \$1,530,564 ~ Balance \$ 46,436**

**Give Now:** by scanning the QR code to the right with your wireless device, or by going to [www.christcm.com/give\\_on\\_line.htm](http://www.christcm.com/give_on_line.htm)



# Message Notes

## FIRST CORINTHIANS

### “Forward in Faith: Serving In Community”

#### Share

1. Introduce yourself to all the participants in the Life Group.
2. What are your expectations from participating in this Life Group?
3. How do you hope to move forward in your faith as the Life Group begins a new season together?
4. What are your spiritual gifts? What are you passionate about? How are you serving at CLCS?

#### Study

*Read Romans 12:3-5*

1. What does verse 3 say to people who think that their role in the Church is more important than someone else's?
2. According to verses 4-5, why are Christians put together in a community of faith, that is, a local congregation?
3. Share a time when you either thought more highly of your role in the Church or downplayed the importance of your role in the Church.
4. If, as verse 5 says, “each member belongs to all the others”, how does that affect the way you work with others or treat others in the Church?

*Read I Corinthians 12: 12-27*

1. What does verse 13 tell us about prejudice?
2. What do verses 25-26 say about caring for others within the Church?
3. What body part would you think best represents the way you serve in the congregation? Why?
4. Compare the wisdom of God in the way that He created us biologically and how He places people within this community called the congregation.
5. What ministry areas can you think of that may be considered “less honorable”? Why are they necessary to the Body of Christ?
6. What do you think will be the value to you personally to find out how God has shaped you?

*Read Nehemiah 1:1-11*

1. How would you describe Nehemiah? Why?
2. What would you say was Nehemiah's passion?
3. When was the last time you felt strongly about something spiritual or even patriotic?
4. Eventually, Nehemiah got the desire of his heart and Jerusalem was rebuilt. When have you had a deep desire fulfilled by God?

#### Support

1. What is your next step?
2. Close in prayer

# Prayers of the Congregation

Please contact Debbie Line in the church office at 949-631-1611 or [1dline@christcm.com](mailto:1dline@christcm.com) if you would like someone added to the Prayer List. To place someone on the Prayer Chain contact Rosalie Jensen at 949-548-6034 or Lianne Anderson at 714-540-2014

**KOBON MINISTRY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** We thank the Lord that our Living Word Elementary School coordinator Timothy and two teachers met with the Advisor of the Provincial Department of Education in Madang and were told that the Ainong Primary School will open next year. This will be the second Kobon government school established on the foundation of our Living Word Elementary Schools. This week please pray for Kobon Living Word School at Halwanyink, for teachers Geoffrey Ejel and Baija Jimway, and for all the students



*Prayers of joy for the birth of David and Kelly DeGree's newborn baby girl and also Caleb and Allyson McFerrans's newborn baby boy!  
Congratulations!*



## Please pray for Our Country, Our State, Our Leaders and our Military:

Alanzo Arzate, Robert Barba, Matt Burns, Carson Cornell, David, Mike Espinoza, Nick Ferral, Ryan Foults, Sam Gaynor, Rob Genzel, Randy Gier, Ryan Genzel, Sean Green, Manny Gonzalez, Michael Gund, Philip Hall, Jonathon Hall, Sarah Haller, John Herman, Mark Kampa, David Klett, Tanner Klugherz, Cameron Landers, Max, Justin Mack, Wesley Mann, Kevin Mason, Chris Merikkan, Adam Moise, Josh Praytor, Casey Patterson, Josh Piero, Taylor Rose, Jonathon Scramtom, Major John Skinner, McLean Swink, Alex Tafur, Morgan Taylor, Kane Tomlin, Chris Tucker, Jacob Vallee

### PERSONAL

Jason Aston  
Dakota Becker  
Carrie  
Clark Family  
David  
Debra  
Eric and Maria

Josh Freeman  
Hill Family  
Andy Hodge  
Janice  
Jasmeet  
Danielle Jean  
Michael Kerby  
Linda

Leslie  
Susan Lockridge  
Micah  
Mike  
Kyle Newby  
Chris Ort  
John Petraglia  
Michelle Sabini

Wendy  
Scott

### ILLNESS

Art  
Baby Emma  
Don Bailey  
Mary Ann Bane  
Judy Bates  
Brittany Beringer  
**Jimmy Bognar**  
Mark Boren  
Mary Anne Breen  
Cynthia  
Delpha Cadogan  
Cameron  
Jill Caringella  
Christopher  
Jerry Cisneros  
Leighanne Clitheroe  
Frances Contreras  
Jack Conway  
Norman Courvoisier  
Kathryn Crisplip  
Bob Crosby  
Ada Cruise  
Rachel Culp  
Pat Davis

Dave Edman  
Gloria Eloskof  
Joyce Erickson  
Jason Force  
JJ Freeman  
Genevieve  
Jim Gorsline  
Finn Green  
Emma Griffith  
Hoppy Gross  
Uncle Bob Gunther  
Lyle Hammerschlag  
Bob Hollenbecy  
Parker Irey  
Jenny  
Sherrie Jolly  
Alex Jolly  
Judy  
Beth Kuttler  
Jenny Kupperstein  
Laik  
Bruce Lewis  
Matt Lothian  
Missy Lonsinger  
L.C. Maa and Family  
Michelle

Penne Matthews  
Kevin Michaels  
Maggie Miettinen  
Betty Merritt  
Diana Morris  
Pamela Mulholland  
Evan Mundy  
Patrick Nandy  
Krystal Norcutt  
Marci Patterson  
Jane Paul  
Megan Peacock  
Andy Poole  
Becky Ramirez  
Madelynn Richberger  
Rhonda  
Renee Riemer  
Shawn & Heather Rogers  
Betsy Ruesler  
John Saraga  
Pastor Chuck Smith  
Jerry Snyder  
George Soto  
Adam Sparks  
Steve  
Pete Statti

Bob Stoddard  
Betty Stratton  
Dave Struck  
Sharon Swaford  
Mary Lynn Teeling  
J.T. Twist  
Pastor Charles VanKirk  
Robert Virata  
Gary Warbrick  
Jack Ward  
Josh Williams  
Kenny Williams  
Jack Wronka

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## Worship Schedule

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  
9:20 A.M. *Equipping Hour, Sunday School and Assorted Bible Studies resume today...September 15th*  
10:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship

## Thank you...

Dear Christ Lutheran Family, Thank you for the phone calls, cards and most importantly prayers for George during the past few months. We praise God for His healing hand as George recovers.

With Loving Gratitude, Linda Soto, Ryan Soto, Tracy Wander and family.