



COASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Half Moon Bay

Happy Easter!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

The hillsides are lush green. The field behind the labyrinth is blazing yellow in the sun. The wisteria vine outside my office window is heavy with gorgeous purple blossoms. New life is bursting forth! Spring is in the air! Hope is in the air!

There are so many reasons for hope right now. Even though we are still in a race with covid variants, more and more people continue to be vaccinated bringing us closer to a time when we can get back together safely with friends, visit with the grandkids, gather together for worship and prayer. We're not quite there yet but hope is in the air!

Hope is in the air here at Coastside Lutheran Church for other reasons too! Our Pathfinder Congregational Revitalization program successfully kicked off last month with Phase 1 - listening. Through the online survey and the interviews with Kristin, our Joshua Group Consultant, we've been listening to each other as we share our hopes and dreams for our congregation. Through the two Community Listening Forums our congregation hosted on zoom, we opened up a channel to listen to the hopes, dreams and needs of our Half Moon Bay community.

Listening is the first step in revitalization, not only because it allows us to get a sense of who and where we are but also because listening in community allows the Holy Spirit to speak. For example, did you know that in our Lutheran faith tradition, it is not enough for an individual



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person to claim the role of minister even if they personally feel called by the Spirit and have met all the education and training requirements? In the Lutheran church, before that person can be ordained, the call must also be confirmed by the community; in other words, a congregation must also hear the call and feel the movement of the Spirit. It is the same for our congregation as we discern the mission and future into which God is calling us; no single one of us can set that direction alone but together we hear the voice of the Spirit and discern where she is leading us.

Perhaps at this point you're thinking, I haven't been as involved as I used to be since I've gotten really busy at work or since the kids have left for college; or I have only become involved recently, worship on line and don't even live in Half Moon Bay. Should I participate in the survey and the interview? The answer to that is a resounding **YES!** Each person brings into the conversation a unique perspective and the Spirit speaking through you will help fill out our collective understanding of what CLC is now and what it could be in the future. And it is not too late if you haven't completed the survey or signed up for an interview yet. The survey and interviews will continue until April 12. Links are provided on page 8 of this newsletter.

Once we have completed our initial round of sharing and listening, our next step is to get together to look at the information we've collected and talk about what we've heard. Kristin will be holding two sessions in April to provide us with summaries and lead us in discussion: **Sunday, April 18 from noon to 2pm and Sunday, April 25, from 11:15am to 12:15pm**, both on zoom using the Sunday morning worship link. The two hour session on April 18 is meant to provide extra time for diving deep into discussion and questions. The meeting on April 25 is a shorter session meant to provide a synopsis of the findings. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend either or both of these sessions to hear and discern what the Spirit is saying to us through our Coastside Lutheran community and the Half Moon Bay community.

Happy Easter! (Continued)

Thank you to everyone who has already participated in phase 1 by completing the survey, talking with Kristin and attending the community listening forums. If you haven't done one or more of these things yet, there is still time. The survey and interviews will continue until April 12 and the community listening forums are posted online for you to view and re-view. See page 8 of this newsletter for links.

Blessings to you as we enter this season of Eastertide that is bursting forth with new and abundant life and is energized with the hope and expectation of resurrection.

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— Peace, Pastor



Worship and Other Things

REMINDER: All Worship Services, Social Activities and Choir are now being done on the same Zoom Link, unless otherwise indicated:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84381518830?pwd=aVdLbXBkWWNiTHJFYUVWc1JsOGhuQT09>

Dial by your location: +1 669 900 9128 **Meeting ID:** 843 8151 8830 **Password:** 656832

Sunday Worship continues online 10AM on Zoom Followed by fellowship

April 11: Special Service: We will join our brothers and sisters from across Region 2 of the ELCA to worship together in a beautiful intercultural Service of the Word featuring contributions from congregations and locales across the Southwestern US including Hawaii. Coastside Lutheran will join the worship service at our usual worship time: 10AM

Thank you to the CLC Choir; the many readers, worship assistants and behind-the-scenes contributors; and our amazing staff: Liesl, David and Tami for all the hard work, creativity and flexibility you put into making this year's Holy Week Zoom worships special. If anyone missed any of the worship services, recordings are available on the CLC Facebook page and on YouTube. (google: YouTube Coastside Lutheran)



Did you know that in less than 2 years, CLC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary!?! From our humble beginnings first meeting in the Odd Fellows building in 1973, we've come a long way. Pastor Sue is looking for fun-filled people who would like to start gathering our history and planning our celebration. If you'd like to be involved, contact Pastor Sue. If you have photos or other artifacts from our early years, send copies to info@coastsidelutheran.org.



Synod Resource Center Book Events

Here is an exciting new offering from our Sierra Pacific Synod. Starting in mid-April, the Synod will be hosting discussion sessions on four important books:

- “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates,
Begins: April 14th — 4 Wednesdays — 6:00
- “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman
Begins: April 13th - 5 Tuesdays - 2:00 p.m.
- “On Death & Dying” by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross
Begins: April 15th - 5 Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.
- “The Water Dancer” (fiction) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Begins: April 20th - 3 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

If you want to get involved with any of these opportunities, the link below is for registration.

<https://spselca.org/assts/uploads/2021/03/Register-for-the-RC-Book-Event.pdf>

Save the Date: Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly May 6 - 8, 2021

If you’ve ever wondered how our Synod’s Bishop gets elected, this is your chance to see the process in action without even leaving your house! Save the date to attend the 2021 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly which will be held online. Visitors are invited to watch the proceedings via livestream for free and do not have to register ahead of time. Information on how to view will be provided closer to the assembly.

Upcoming Events

Diverse Stories: Fourth Thursday of the Month, 12 noon

Thursday, April 22 @ noon via the Worship Zoom

April book suggestion:



The Giver of Stars by Jo Jo Moyes—a fictionalized account of the Kentucky Packhorse Librarians, all women, between 1935 - 1943 who delivered books via horseback to the most remote regions in the Appalachian mountains. From the author of *Me Before You*, set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. Based on a true story rooted in America's past, *The Giver of Stars* is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic—a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.



Friday Lunches for those in need through Abundant Grace

If you want to help with Sandwiches, please contact Marian: melacey@pacbell.net.

Thank you Letter from Eric Debode at Abundant Grace: Thank you Everyone again, for your continued support of CLC's sandwich ministry. We received this note from Eric Debode, Executive Director of Abundant Grace and your contributions are making a difference.

“Thank you everyone. I am happy to share what a complete success this has been! Many thanks to all of you who make and deliver the sandwiches. It's so fun for me to see each of you... And the lunches are incredibly helpful. It means when someone is hungry any time of the day, we have ready to go lunches...and people LOVE them! You all do a great job! Thank you so much!”

Women's Daytime Gathering: Second Tuesday of the Month, April 13th, 2 PM Using Worship Zoom

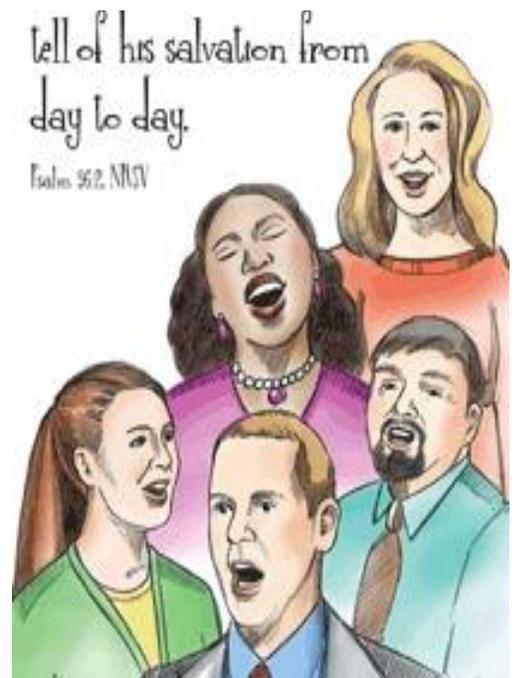
Every month we gather for fellowship, support, and the sharing of articles from *Gather* (available online or hard copies at the church). We laugh and listen together, sharing openly our questions, observations, and stories. You can participate in one or multiple sessions. If you have any questions or would like a magazine, email or call the office or Pastor Sue. The theme focus for **April** continues Journeys with Angels.



CLC Choir Practice: Thursdays @ 7:30PM

While we can't prepare in-person music for our CLC Choir, we will have rehearsals online that focus on building vocal skills & technique, reading music, and eventually recording a few songs & hymns to use in worship videos. If you need materials to be able to participate, please contact the pastors or Liesl. It is recommended everyone use a decent USB plug-in microphone and a pair of headphones. Most computers can handle Zoom, and it is also do-able via cell phone or tablet.

If you are interested in joining the choir and participating in our new virtual rehearsal space, contact our music director Liesl McPherrin, music@coastsidelutheran.org.





Pathfinders Congregational Revitalization

A Message from Joshua Group Consultant Kristin Wiersma:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ULT_yoq7tkSCoFtkzxw103vuYF3VWKTg/view

Interviews with Kristin: *Appointments still available!* Please sign up for a half hour interview with Kristin to be conducted on zoom or by phone. Interviews will take place from April 6-12 with evening and weekend appointments available. (Contact the office for assistance.) Sign up here:

<https://calendly.com/coastsidelutheran/pathfinder-interviews?month=2021-04>

Zoom Links for Community Listening Forums: Last week's Community Listening Forums were very informative and valuable. If you missed the sessions or want to review them, they were recorded. A recording of Community **Listening Forum #1** may be found on our **Facebook page:**

<https://business.facebook.com/CoastsideLutheranChurch/videos/208654414371305/>

Or on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1GMRrXQoj4&ab_channel=CoastsideLutheranChurchChoir

A recording of Listening Forum #2 can be found on our **Facebook page:**

<https://business.facebook.com/CoastsideLutheranChurch/videos/3670528406404006/>

Or on youtube:

<https://youtu.be/m1K40H9M1ag>

Congregational MAP Survey: *Extended to Monday April 12th!* The MAP congregational survey is currently underway. Please give us your input and share your opinions by filling this out and encourage others to provide their input as well. (Paper copies are available from the office if needed.)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoastsideHalfMoonBayMAP>

Listening Report Feedback: Kristin will provide two opportunities for CLC friends and members to hear a summary and analysis of the survey and interview data. These sessions will all be held on zoom using the Sunday Morning worship link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84381518830?pwd=aVdLbXBkWWNiTHJFYUVVWc1JsOGhuQT09>

- **Sunday, April 18, 12-2pm:** This will be a deep-dive meeting with council and Pathfinder team including time for discussion but all are welcome to attend.
- **Sunday, April 25, 11:15am-12:15pm:** This will be a 1 hour summary meeting for the entire congregation.

Council Highlights

Church Council met online on March 17, 2021; a few highlights:

1. “Coastside Pathfinders” congregational revitalization project: Mark Loos provided an update on the continuing first phase of this process—listening to CLC’s internal and external community. **Please see weekly email updates for additional information and details on how each of us is asked to participate.** Importantly, the online survey deadline has been extended, and there is still time to sign up with Kristin Wiersma, our Joshua Group consultant, for a 30-minute online or phone interview. Please take advantage of both these opportunities to provide your perspective and input for the revitalization process. You can also see and hear recordings of the two community listening forums hosted by the Pathfinders team. Results will be shared later in April. Again, please see CLC weekly emails for details and updates.

2. We continued to see solid giving in February—thank you for your support of CLC’s ministry! Council continued review and updates of the dedicated funds and is monitoring giving and spending closely.

3. Facility updates: Dry-rot repairs continue, with new siding now in place on the parking -lot side of the West Wing. Next up will be replacement of the door and the access ramp with a lower-slope walkway, and painting. Kathy Young is researching flooring options for the West Wing as well as a new range. “Farmer John” Muller, who has plowed the area west of the Labyrinth for a number of years, has retired. Council approved a proposed arrangement for continued management of this portion of CLC property in collaboration with Danny Lopes.

4. Online worship and events. Online worship and events continue through Coastside Lutheran Church Facebook page and the website coastsidelutheran.org. Post-council update: CLC’s COVID-19 Response Team met online on March 30th to discuss plans for resuming in-person gatherings—stay tuned for updates.

6. Staying connected: Council members continue to ask for your input regarding our online programs and future plans. Please continue to let us know your thoughts! Council meetings are always open; please contact Henry at hblowman@comcast.net for details.

Submitted by Henry Lowman, Council President



February's Treasurer's Report

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Accounts:	Wells Fargo Bank	\$66,838	
	Northern Money Market	\$ 49,298	
	Mission Investment	\$ 72,707	
	Wells Fargo PPP	\$30,503	Total All Asset Accounts
	Pastor 403B Retirement	\$251	as of 02/28/2021
	Payroll Taxes Payable	\$173	\$ <u>188,847</u>
	Citi Cards Credit Card	\$0	
	Dedicated Funds	\$ 158,311	
Current Equity:		(\$392)	Total Liabilities + Equity
			\$ <u>188,847</u>

General Fund

	Actual February 2021	Budgeted February 2021	Over or <Under> Actual over Budget	Year-to-Date As of 02/28/2021	Budgeted Year-to-Date @02/28/2021	Over or <Under> Actual over Budget
Contributions	\$ 7,445	\$ 10,167	(\$2,722)	\$ 21,205	\$ 20,333	\$ 872
Rentals & Other Income	\$2,833	\$ 446	\$2,387	\$2,903	\$ 638	\$2,265
Total Income	\$ 10,278	\$ 10,613	(\$ 335)	\$ 24,108	\$ 20,971	\$3,137
Total Expenses	\$ 13,658	\$13,739	(\$ 81)	\$ 26,173	\$ 28,701	(\$2,528)
Net (Income- Expenses)	(\$3,380)	(\$3,126)	(\$ 254)	(\$2,065)	(\$7,730)	\$5,665

Dedicated Funds

	Actual February 2021	Actual Year-to-Date (02/28/2021)
Income	\$199	\$22,924
Disbursements	\$5,313	\$29,583

Trend:

\$2,346 is the average weekly amount required to meet the approved contributions budget for 2021 (\$122,00/52).

\$1,861 was the average weekly contributions amount received in February 2021.

Notes:

1. Giving in February was \$7,445 compared to February 2020 giving of \$9,800. Both months had 4 Sundays; however February 2020 was the last month of in-person services.
2. Giving in February was \$2,722 under budget, and rental/other income was \$2,387 over budget due to the transfer of \$2,800 from Dedicated Funds to offset the increased musician salary.
3. Total income to-date was \$3,137 over budget and expenses were \$2,528 under budget giving us a net budget surplus to-date of \$5,665. That surplus combined with the structural February budget deficit of \$7,730, gives a year-to-date deficit (income – expenses) of \$2,065.
4. Expenses exceeded income by \$3,380 which was comparable to the budgeted deficit of \$3,126.
5. Total Assets are \$188,847; \$40,258 less than the February 2020 figure of \$229,105 (a reduction of 18%).
6. Current cash equity is a negative \$2,065 (with the PPP loan forgiveness, this would be positive \$28,438).

SECOND MILE GIVING

Every month, through your generosity, CLC contributes to the “Second Mile Giving” ministries of the ELCA, totaling \$1800 over a 12 month period.

During the month of April our Second Mile offerings will be donated to the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Since 1952 they have equipped faithful leaders who enliven the church and care for the world. Today is a new day for theological education in the West. With expanded residential and online learning options, new faculty, shared teaching resources within Cal Lutheran and the Graduate Theological Union, our students learn, live, and serve in a place that is multi-cultural, economically diverse, and invigorating.



Help Get the Word Out about CLC

Check out our Instagram & Facebook accounts!

Find us at [Instagram.com/coastsidelutheran](https://www.instagram.com/coastsidelutheran)
or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/coastsidelutheranchurch](https://www.facebook.com/coastsidelutheranchurch).

Like our photos and stories and be sure to tag our location and use **#spiritualharbor** and **#coastsidelutheran** on posts when sharing info about our upcoming online events.

The more that you can like, comment, and share, the more visible we are in the online community.

#SpiritualHarbor #CoastsideLutheran



Great news! A PayPal donation button is now on our website! You can now easily give to CLC through the PayPal giving fund in the form of one time donations, monthly donations AND through their partnership with eBay for Charity. Sell your secondhand items and clothing on eBay and designate portion of the proceeds to Coastside Lutheran!



OUR CALL

Coastside Lutheran Church is a spiritual harbor where all, without exception, are welcome and accepted with open arms. We are fed and we grow by sharing in the grace of God through Jesus Christ, so we can go out to serve the community, inspired by the Holy Spirit

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Online Worship ONLY During Shelter-in-Place

10:00 am with Fellowship following. Watch worship online at your leisure!

Worship with us via Zoom every Sunday morning at 10 am, or view at any time from our website or Facebook page. Online fellowship follows worship on Zoom for anyone who wants to join in.

The Zoom link for both worship and fellowship is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84381518830?pwd=aVdLbXBkWWNiTHJFYUVWc1JsOGhuQT09>

Dial by your location: +1 669 900 9128 **Meeting ID:** 843 8151 8830 **Password:** 656832

Weekly Emails

Did you know we send out an email every week with the readings for worship as well as a list of opportunities for engagement? If you would like to receive these emails, contact us at info@coastsidelutheran.org and we'll add you to our address book!

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