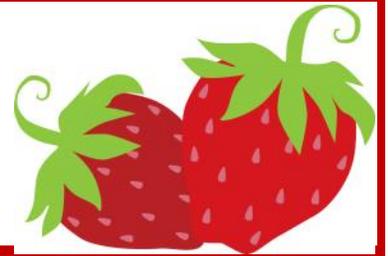




JUNE 2020



COASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Half Moon Bay



Resilience

Resilience—That's the word that keeps coming to me these days. I see it in the nurses and doctors working day and night to be there for COVID-19 patients when their loved ones cannot, the consistent hardworking 'essential workers' providing services so that many can stay home, the dedicated parents, teachers, 'ministers' (ordained and lay), and various care givers adapting with tenacity, compassion, and creativity, the many artists expressing their gifts in generous motivating ways, and the young like the graduating class of 2020 throughout the country unwilling to give up, determined to make the most of life despite the problems at hand. Resilience is evident and gives me hope, especially when hope feels hard to find!

It's easy to get discouraged in these confusing times. There are so many mixed messages. It's hard to know who to trust and how to hold all the need that is apparent. We must search for truth while juggling multiple things, many of which are new, while at the same time experiencing various forms of isolation. Our emotions are all over the place. We can vacillate between setting emotions aside or letting them consume us. There's much that seems out of our control and a need to stay informed. It can be very frustrating, debilitating, and overwhelming. There are also some who are totally bored. The contrast in lives is great, perhaps even greater than before, or at least more evident. We are seeing the differences in our lives based on privilege, location, opportunity, race, gender, health. How does one maneuver through all this?

We do so with patience, kindness, faith, and resilience. This is the first time any of us has been through a global pandemic; but, it's not the first time crisis has occurred, nor will it be the last. As we look back in history, it's the stories of resilience that gets folk through the storms. As we look at the diverse narratives in our 'book group' now called Diverse Stories Discussion Group, I'm astounded by the resilience of the characters. This month we found inspiration from Harriet Tubman--an amazing woman of faith who **refused** to believe liberty/freedom was not meant for the likes of her. Talk about standing in the face of adversity and claiming worth, not just for herself but for others! Freedom was a gift to be shared. Wow! Our next story will be a mixture of fact and imagination through the powerful writing of Sue Kidd Monk, *The Invention of Wings*. I've already started reading it and am totally engrossed. I learned about it when I visited Philadelphia for the first time last summer and stood in Arch Street Friends Meeting House where the likes of Lucretia Moss and Grimke Sisters spoke out for equality.

I see Jesus as one who was resilient, able to see through the veils and get to the heart of truth and persist no matter the obstacles! In fact, GOD is resilient! Never giving up on us, always reaching out to us, entering into our lives with the greatest of care, persistence, and faithfulness, no matter what crazy mess we get ourselves in. Oh, I can imagine that the God who weeps for and with us is also a God who shakes a head, gets angry and flabbergasted and dismayed. But, God continues....keeps on and offers us a presence that will not let us go! Can you believe, trust that this is The One who is with us especially now, offering a power and presence that will help us through it ALL, no matter what we face! We need not be afraid.

Pastor Dawn

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Council Highlights

Your CLC Church Council met on May 20th, with all members attending online. A few highlights:

- **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the CLC building remains closed.** Council has begun discussing ideas for how and when in-person worship may resume, once allowed by state and local health authorities; this could potentially start outdoors. Online worship and events continue through Coastside Lutheran Church Facebook page and website coastsidelutheran.org, and we expect to continue an online presence even after in-person worship resumes. **Thanks to Bill Holland for all his technical expertise!**
- **Thank you again to our givers!** We had a substantial increase in giving during the month of April, which is helping to keep our programs running in spite of reduced rental income and other impacts of the COVID-19 restrictions. Your continuing contributions matter!
- **Loans/grants:** We continue to pursue a potential **CARES-PPP** loan, 100% forgivable if used for payroll/utilities under the federal SBA recovery loan program. We are also pursuing a Sierra Pacific Synod technology grant to assist with web-based activities.
- **Facility:** Additional sidewalk repairs/replacements were completed. **Thanks to Ken Coverdell and his BlueSky crew for additional landscaping work and for members of Iglesia Del Mar for additional maintenance help!** We are pursuing additional work step-by-step on the West Wing and hope to have new work underway soon.
- **Looking ahead:** We continue to stay in touch with The Joshua Group regarding a potential “growth campaign” at CLC, but are also evaluating other options—stay tuned!
- **Staying connected:** Council members are continuing to reach out to members and friends of CLC to see how they are faring during sheltering and to ask for their input regarding our online programs and future worship plans. Thanks for your ideas and questions, and please continue to let us know your thoughts!



Worship Continues Online During Shelter in Place!

Online Worship

Log- on to Zoom every Sunday morning at 10am to worship together, 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/787924368>

Or dial in: +1 669 900 9128 US Meeting ID: 787 924 368



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Keep connected over Zoom! Check out our website's homepage for weekly Zoom events!



ZOOM UPDATE



For those using Zoom, please note that you will be required to update the Zoom software on your devices before May 30 when Zoom is switching over to a new release level that will ensure greater security. Please plan on joining your next zoom meeting a little early as the software will require you to load the update when you start the Zoom client if it hasn't been updated already and the update may take a few minutes.

Zoom User Tips

To join Zoom meetings on a computer, just click on the link under "Join Zoom Meeting." If you wish to use a cellphone for audio, just click on one of the One Tap mobile numbers, or for landlines, dial one of the telephone numbers in the Zoom link and type in the meeting number. Note that the different events have their own unique meeting numbers. If you use more than one device, be sure to Mute at least one device during the call.

Friday Lunches for those in need through Abundant Grace

When Abundant Grace told us they needed someone to provide 25 lunches on Fridays, our congregation stepped up! It's the care made known for those in need in the midst of this pandemic that brightens the soul and our communities! It is an honor to walk with you. **THANK YOU!!**

WHAT'S NEEDED: People who would be **willing to donate cheese and meat for the sandwiches.** It could also be tuna or peanut butter and jelly. Packaged cookie would be fun too. If you'd like to help make sandwiches, **please contact Marian:** melacey@pachell.net. We don't need more than 2 sandwich makers a week.

Upcoming Events

Centering Prayer Online is on hiatus for June!

Tour Our Garden Online!

[The San Mateo Resource Conservation District](http://www.sanmateorcd.org) would like to invite you to explore some of the vibrant community gardens and urban farms in San Mateo County. Urban agriculture exists across San Mateo County and here are some successful examples highlighting they ways in which they engage with the surrounding community and their conservation efforts.



Thank you to Pastor Sue and Peter for making sure we're included!

Follow this link: <http://www.sanmateorcd.org/open-edible-gardens-virtual-tour/>

Women's Daytime Gathering Second Tuesday of each Month

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.

This summer we'll experience a three-part study on "**Just love,**"—how we are called to act simultaneously with love and justice. In June, we'll look at how we learn about love and justice in our families and reflect upon the bible story of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus in the gospel of John, chapter 11. You can experience one or all three parts. If you have any questions or would like a magazine, email or call the office or Pastor Dawn.

You can join us via phone or computer. See info below and spread the word!!

Tuesday, June 9 @ 2 pm via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/838385183>

Dial by your location: +1 720 707 2699 **Meeting ID:** 838 385 183

Diverse Stories Fourth Thursday of each Month @ Noon

Be a part of CLC's monthly **Diverse Stories**. We meet to listen with respect and share in wonder the impact of narratives that expand our understanding of self, others, and God's beloved humanity in all our complexities.

While we shelter in place, we will meet via zoom. You can either dial up or show up on your iPad or computer to actually see each other. Be sure if you do the latter to allow for both visual and audio when prompted upon arrival to the meeting.

This month we will be reading **The Invention of Wings by Sue Kidd Monk**. Learn more from her webpage including an interview with the author if you pursue deeper. <https://suemonkkidd.com/books/the-invention-of-wings/>

"In simple terms, the book is the fictionalized history of the Grimké sisters, Sarah and Angelina (Nina), who were at the forefront of the abolitionist and women's rights movements, wound around the intriguing narrative of a young slave, Hetty, who was given to Sarah as an 11th birthday present. Sarah despises slavery, even at that early age, and out of principle attempts to reject the gift." Bobbi Dumas states in her 2014 NPR book review, Finding Flight in 'The Invention of Wings'.

<https://www.npr.org/2014/01/11/260192246/finding-flight-in-the-invention-of-wings>

Thursday, June 25 @ noon via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/331354783>

Dial by your location: +1 720 707 2699 **Meeting ID:** 331 354 783

Thank You

Property Updates

Thank you Suzanne for landscaping and organizing the repairs on our sidewalks!

Thank you Blue Sky for all the work you did with the new plantings and paving the back spaces!



An Invitation

Thank you Gail for this gift to us pastors: an invitation to JUST BE as a shout out to all pastors out there giving it their all. Thank you Gail for caring! For ALL who are sending their love, gratitude and prayers!! It means a lot to be prayed for too as we hold you in heart and prayer!!



<https://sixtysecondpreacher.wordpress.com/2020/05/07/top-ten-reasons-why-your-pastor-may-need-a-break-a-special-message-for-clerks-of-sessions-and-elders/>

Thank you



A Spiritual harbor where all, without exception, are welcome!

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Blessed friends in Christ,

The generosity of many touched deeply the heart of Helmut Schnieder, one of our own. It is a gift to share in the work of Christ with you!! The very day we learned through the Half Moon Bay Review that Helmut was scammed, a couple CLC members wanted to help. The impact of their actions was great. It was never about the amount of the money, but the blessing received from new people in their lives who reached out in care. Hence, these many years later, they wanted to do something similar for Helmut. Within two hours, we had a gofundme page up and running (Thank you Liesl!!), and folks started donating! Helmut is so grateful for your generosity and care, and would love to say 'thank you.' He is experiencing a sense of belonging to Half Moon Bay, and towards CLC in particular, that he has not felt before!! He wants to stay in the area now if he can as a result of YOUR generosity. He's touched deeply by the love he is feeling and is very grateful for your care! His heart has been opened by this experienced in ways he did not expect.

Your generosity and love in Christ has been the touch of Christ. God bless you! Pastor Sue and I are delighted to be among those who have turned this situation from an experience of shame to one of grace and are grateful for your rapid generous response. Thank you again! You are evidence of God's presence in the lives of ALL for whom you touch—in body, mind, or spirit!

Proud to walk in love with you,

Helmut, Pastor Dawn, and Pastor Sue
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April's Treasurer's Report

Accounts: Mission Investment \$72,220
 Northern Money Market \$ 99,292
 Wells Fargo Bank \$ 56,467
 Dedicated Funds Receivable \$0

Total All Asset Accounts
 as of 04/30/2020 **\$ 227,982**

Pastor 403B Retirement \$514
 Sales Tax Payable \$1,110
 Payroll Taxes Payable \$59
 HMBBC Payable \$0
 Citi Cards Credit Card \$146
Dedicated Funds \$ 225,643

Current Equity: **\$510**
 General Fund

Total Liabilities + Equity **\$227,982**

	<u>Actual April 2020</u>	<u>Budgeted April 2020</u>	<u>Over or <Under> Actual over Budget</u>	<u>Year-to-Date As of 04/30/2020</u>	<u>Budgeted Year-to-Date @04/30/2020</u>	<u>Over or <Under> Actual over Budget</u>
Contributions	\$ 19,651	\$ 19,084	\$ 567	\$ 44,782	\$ 57,084	(\$12,302)
Rentals & Other Income	\$1,168	\$3,451	(\$2,284)	\$12,073	\$13,607	(\$1,534)
Total Income	\$ 20,820	\$ 22,535	(\$1,715)	\$ 56,855	\$ 70,691	(\$13,836)
Disbursements	\$ 22,610	\$22,534	\$ 75	\$ 70,904	\$ 74,436	(\$3,532)
Net (Income- Expenses)	(\$1,790)	\$ 1	(\$1,790)	(\$14,049)	(\$3,745)	(\$10,304)

Dedicated Funds

	<u>Actual April 2020</u>	<u>Actual Year-to-Date as of 04/30/2020</u>
Income	\$1,627	\$10,755
Disbursements (includes transfers to General Fund)	\$4,937	\$9,846

Trend:

\$2,904 is the average weekly amount required to meet the approved Contributions budget for 2020 (\$151,00/52).

\$4,913 is the average weekly amount received in April 2020.

Notes:

1. Giving in April was \$19,651 compared to April 2019 giving of \$15,758. Both had 4 Sundays.
2. Giving in April was \$567 over budget; however, rental/other income was \$2,284 under budget.
3. To-Date our total income is \$13,836 under budget and expenses are \$3,531 under budget making our net budget deficit to-date \$10,304. That deficit combined with the structural 2020 budget deficit of \$3,744, gives a net loss (income – expenses) of \$14,049.
4. Monthly expenses exceeded income by \$1,790 which is more than the budgeted surplus of \$1 for April.
5. Current equity is \$510 compared to a March 31 equity of \$2,352, and a January 1 equity of \$16,720.

Counters are: Karen Butcher, Dick McBride and Sue Santoro

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 June our Second Mile offerings will be donated to the Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California.

Your foundational support enables LOPP-CA to pursue the goals to prevent, alleviate, and reduce poverty and hunger, and care for God's abundant creation, through engagement in the legislative process: by providing education and advocacy opportunities to Lutheran constituencies, by engaging in direct advocacy with policymakers, and by working with other faith and secular partners on issues of common concern, including the provision of facilities and hospitality for events at St. John's Lutheran Church which, as a vital in-kind ministry partner, houses LOPP-CA rent-free near the State Capitol.



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 of PUBLIC POLICY
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Giving in Uncertain Times

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the CLC Council, I want to assure you that we are working to keep Coastside Lutheran Church strong and to continue its mission of spreading the Gospel, even during a time of social distancing and “sheltering in place.” Our pastors and staff are working diligently to provide online worship opportunities. Currently, we do not know exactly when we’ll be able to reopen, but please stay tuned through our web site: <https://coastsidelutheran.weebly.com>

I also want to ask that we all prayerfully consider our financial support of CLC during this difficult time, when we are facing losses of in-person offerings as well as reduced rental income. Clearly, many individuals and families are also financially stressed as a result of the crisis. But hopefully, many of us can still feel God’s abundance in our lives and are able to experience the joy of giving. For those who are able, please consider continuing—and if possible increasing— your financial contributions to CLC during this time, so that we can continue to support our staff and programs. Contributions can still be made by check, mailed to Coastside Lutheran Church, 900 Cabrillo Hwy N, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Alternatively, you can contribute online by credit card, debit card, or PayPal, by clicking the “Donate” button near the bottom of the web page (<https://coastsidelutheran.weebly.com>). Finally, if you are interested in setting up weekly or monthly donations by electronic transfer from your bank account, please contact me at hblowman@comcast.net (telephone 650-303-4544).

We will continue to review finances and update prior to our next congregational meeting. It’s difficult to relay a full real-time picture of our financial status, but I want to try: our original 2020 budget envisioned contributions of \$3,000 per household on average, or \$250 per month. Please give what feels right and works for you.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21).

Thank you for your continued support of CLC. God’s peace and best wishes for good health to you!

Sincerely,

Henry Lowman, CLC Council President

Charitable Contribution Incentives

The CARES Act encourages individuals to contribute to religious and other charitable organizations by creating a new “above the line” deduction (i.e. for taxpayers who take the standard deduction). This deduction will permit them to deduct up to \$300 of annual monetary contributions. The CARES Act also increases the limitations on deductions for charitable contributions by individuals who itemize, as well as corporations. For individuals, the 50% of adjusted gross income limitation is suspended for cash contributions made in 2020. Please consult your tax advisor for your specific tax situation.

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 a 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

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