



COASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Half Moon Bay

Our Spiritual Practice: Focus on Worship

Every Sunday, Coastside Lutheran Church, along with many, many other churches throughout the world engage in something we call worship. Have you ever stopped to think about what “worship” is all about? What we are doing and what is the point of it? Take a look at the following three descriptions. Grab a pen or pencil and circle all the keywords and phrases that jump out at you, ideas that surprise you or ideas that resonate with you and note common themes.

Our *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship* sees worship in terms of the flow of our Lutheran worship: gathering, word, meal, sending. It describes it to be “a local and open assembly of people in need, gathered by the Holy Spirit to encounter God’s grace in Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen one, given by God through word and sacraments, so that these people together might signify how much God loves the world, might themselves come again to faith in God, and might so turn in love and service to their neighbors.” (*The Sunday Assembly*, 8)

Marjorie Thompson, author of the book *Soul Feast*, begins her description with the term “liturgy” and the idea of service to explore what worship is all about. We often use the word liturgy to refer to what happens in a worship service: gathering, confession, the word, communion, etc. The word liturgy comes from a Greek word meaning “the work of the people.” Thompson says “worship is the work of all the faithful who gather to praise,



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honor, and glorify God,” but she also notes that in “worship we are served by God. God fills us with the joy of knowing we are loved, restores our courage through forgiveness, provides the Word for hungry hearts, and fills us with the bread and wine of new life in Christ, giving new purpose to our lives.” (*Soul Feast*, 57)

In the book, *Inside Out: Worship in the Age of Mission* the authors think about worship as the primary event where God at work redeeming and reconciling the world and forming a distinctive community to witness to that final reality in every dimension of its life. (*Inside Out*, 9) Worship is communal, symbolic, God-centered and the place where God's future is pulled into and shapes the present.

As I read through these descriptions, I am drawn to the ideas of a grace-filled community knit together by the Spirit; a community living out together God's dream of inclusion, mercy, justice and being sent to share that hope with the world. I'm drawn to the ideas of our full participation, engagement and presence with our God who is always present; of the mysteries of the sacraments. For me, these ideas raise questions such as how do our worship and fellowship practices foster community, hospitality, inclusivity both for those of us returning to the sanctuary as well as those who join us online? How do they provide opportunities and easy access for participation and engagement by everyone?

As we continue to plan our “post-pandemic re-opening,” we have the opportunity to reflect on our worship practices here at CLC and intentionally move forward, keeping what is working; updating what could be improved. **I invite you to spend the next few weeks reflecting on worship and then to join me on Sunday, June 27 at 11:15am on Zoom to have a conversation focusing on worship here at CLC.** I would also like to form a worship committee to help plan and run worship activities at CLC. If you are interested in participating, please contact me!

Peace, Pastor Sue



Worship and Other Things

UNIVERSAL ZOOM LINK

All worship services, social activities and meetings are done on this link:

<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

We will be using our usual CLC universal zoom link above. We will stay on zoom for fellowship after worship.

Report on Synod Election of New Bishop

“What a memorable Experience,” our Walter Rau had to say. “The Church is able to Reform! That became abundantly clear at the Synod while voting on five ballots to reach a majority for one candidate. There were so many great candidates to choose from. None of the candidates I chose won. Then it became clear to me that this was about God’s Will and not mine. I am just an instrument of His Will here on Earth. I am very happy with the selection and I am certain that the new Bishop, Megan Rohrer, is what the Synod needs during these times of change. The world will never be the same again after the pandemic, the racial inequities and environmental problems we are facing. The bishop will need our support and prayers. Thank you for letting me be a part of this. I am volunteering again for next year.”

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.



Upcoming Events

Holy Conversations on the Biblical Texts Regarding Human Sexuality

Presented by Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Tuesdays, June 8, 15, 22 from 7-8:30 pm

Via Universal Zoom Link

Come and join us for a reflection on eight biblical passages which have been used in conversations about Human Sexuality.

We will look at:

- ◆ Biblical interpretation
- ◆ Hebrew worldview of human sexuality
- ◆ Various passages from the Hebrew scriptures including:
- ◆ The Holiness Code (Leviticus 17 – 26)
- ◆ Greco-Roman worldview of human sexuality
- ◆ Various Pauline texts including Romans and I & II Corinthians

All are welcome to this conversation!

Questions? Contact:

Pastor Sue Holland (info@coastsidelutheran.org)



DRIVE IN MOVIE

Inter-faith Collaboration in Support of June Pride Month

Friday, June 18th—9:00 p.m.

Come Join Beach Break Entertainment and Coast Pride for the Academy Award winner 2018 remake of **A Star Is Born starring Lady Ga Ga and Bradley Cooper. You can purchase tickets at the website below**

<https://www.beachbreakentertainment.com/events/a-star-is-born>

The Lady of Our Pilar is providing the venue in the field behind the Church. 400 Church Street, Half Moon Bay

Volunteers are Needed

Members of faith based organizations are volunteering to assist with directing traffic before and after the movie.

If you would like to volunteer, it would be for 45 minutes the night before on the 17th at 7pm by zoom for an orientation by Julie Mell, movie organizer, and the night of the movie. Go to the website below to apply to volunteer:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Jcx1cDsspn_7kjHbAMX4LcIMBdy05r_u03gYaVaqqgM/edit?usp=sharing_eip&ts=60709a4a

Or contact Jenny at jenny@coastpride.org

Upcoming Events Continued

Diverse Stories: Fourth Thursday of the Month, 12 noon

Thursday, June 24 @ noon via the Universal Zoom

June book suggestion: Broken Horses, a Memoir by Brandi Carlile

The critically acclaimed singer-songwriter, producer, and six-time Grammy winner opens up about a life shaped by music in this candid, heartfelt, and intimate story.



Brandi takes listeners through the events of her life that shaped her very raw art - from her start at a local singing competition to her first break opening for Dave Matthews Band, to many sleepless tours over 15 years, six studio albums and all while raising two children with her wife, Catherine Shepherd.

As an openly gay teenager, Brandi grappled with the tension between her sexuality and her faith when her pastor publicly refused to baptize her on the day of the ceremony. Shockingly, her small town rallied around Brandi in support and set her on a path to salvation where the rest of the misfits and rejects find it: through twisted, joyful, weird, and wonderful music.

Evocative and piercingly honest, it is at once an examination of faith through the eyes of a person rejected by the church's basic tenets and a meditation on the moments and lyrics that have shaped the life of a creative mind, a brilliant artist, and a genuine empath on a mission to give back.

Women's Daytime Gathering: Second Tuesday of the Month, June 8, 2 PM Using Worship Zoom

Women's Gathering

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 **June is "Just Wisdom"**.



Upcoming Events Continued

Friday Lunches for those in need through Abundant Grace

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



Choir Social: June 10th at 6:00, via zoom

We are going to have a social get together via zoom to talk about what next years' singing might look like. It will also be an opportunity to catch up with each other.



Our Spiritual Practice: Congregational Conversation on Worship

Sunday, June 27 at 11:15am on Zoom

Let's get together to envision what worship could be post-pandemic!

Reflect on Pastor Sue's article and your own experiences
and then join the conversation on zoom.

Special
WORSHIP
Conversations

CANCELED EVENTS THIS YEAR

Pumpkin Festival & 4th of July Parade

Sadly it's become a common theme all too familiar over the last year. After months of monitoring COVID-related developments and consulting with city and county authorities, for the second consecutive year the Half Moon Bay Beautification Committee Board of Directors today announced the 2021 Art & Pumpkin Festival and Ol' Fashioned 4th of July Parade have been canceled. The Committee released the following expanded statement and you can read it at this link:

<https://pumpkinfest.miramarevents.com/2021-event-cancelled/>

CLC Book Fair

Along the same lines as the Pumpkin Festival and the 4th of July Parade, the annual Book Fair is also canceled this year. The time constraints for planning and coordination required along with, starter money just for storage rental, plus lots of time commitments from volunteers made it infeasible to get it together for this year. We will have the time to be prepared for next year.



Pathfinders Congregational Revitalization

Links to Recordings of Pathfinder Sessions:

If you missed any of the Listening Feedbacks or either of the Community Listening Forums, you can find recordings of these sessions online:

Listening Feedback Summary:

On Facebook: <https://business.facebook.com/CoastsideLutheranChurch/videos/502861650868938/>

On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/yn5-IQwofTM>

Listening Feedback Deep Dive:

On Facebook: <https://business.facebook.com/CoastsideLutheranChurch/videos/781773535779848/>

On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/NcdKc6cyG34>

Community Listening Forums #1:

On Facebook: <https://fb.watch/5IoHulfn9e/>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watchv=GIGMRrXQoj4&ab_channel=CoastsideLutheranChurchChoir

Community Listening Forum #2:

On Facebook: <https://fb.watch/5IoSzx4SyO/>

On YouTube: <https://youtu.be/m1K40H9M1ag>

THANK YOU FROM LSS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

We received a letter of thanks for our donation of \$100.00 which resulted in a single mother and her child to be assured the safety and comfort of a place to call home. It helped to furnish their apartment with household essentials. Our contributions help promote stability and honor the dignity of the formerly homeless people they serve.

Council Highlights

Church Council met online on May 19, 2021; a few highlights:

1. “Coastside Pathfinders” congregational revitalization project: Mark Loos provided an update on the next phase of this process—preparing for change by considering CLC’s vision/mission (during the summer), followed by leadership development activities (fall). Walter Rau and Alice Kope are joining the Pathfinders for the summer visioning efforts in collaboration with Kristin Wiersma (Joshua Group) and Pastor Sue. Stay tuned for details and additional opportunities to contribute to this rebuilding effort at CLC.
2. Finances: we continued to see solid giving in April. Thank you for your continued financial support of CLC! Post-meeting notes: on the positive side and as expected, our 2020 CARES-PPP loan was 100% forgiven! On the negative side, we are again facing a lack of fundraiser income for 2021. Recently, a final decision was made not to hold Pumpkin Festival (October) or the HMB July 4th parade this year—see: <https://pumpkinfest.miramarevents.com/2021-event-cancelled/>. We are also announcing that CLC will not collect books and will not hold a Book Fair this year. However, the assumption in our 2021 budget was that we would not have the benefit of fundraiser income, so these decisions will not impact our current financial plan.
3. Facility updates: West Wing work continues, and council authorized an additional \$60,000 in spending from the WW Fund, which should cover the bulk of the remaining work. We selected Leichter Flooring for installation of vinyl flooring in the kitchen and West Wing hall, and Picasso for exterior painting and limited interior (West Wing, sanctuary walls, office) painting. Exact timing is TBD, but this work should be completed in June-July. We are still considering the possibility of retaining the gas range for its large cooktop, while replacing the stacked electric ovens with updated convection units. Please let a council member know if you have specific thoughts on this option. Many thanks to Kathy Young and Suzanne Bruce for cleaning out the WW cabinets in preparation for the floor and painting work! Also, thanks to Kathy for contacting flooring contractors. We’d like to recruit some help with moving additional items out of the West Wing and into the back of the sanctuary in the next few weeks. Please contact Henry if you can help.
4. Online worship and events. Online worship and events continue through Coastside Lutheran Church Facebook page and the website coastsidelutheran.org. Council discussed a likely return to some in-person activities during the summer, with details still being worked out. We are preparing for continued online capabilities with upgraded internet service from Comcast.
5. 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

April Treasurer's Report

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Accounts:	Wells Fargo Bank	\$85,550	
	Northern Money Market	\$49,303	
	Mission Investment	\$ 72,768	
	Wells Fargo PPP	\$30,503	Total All Asset Accounts
	Pastor 403B Retirement	\$-272	as of 04/30/2021 \$ 187,624
	Payroll Taxes Payable	\$216	
	Citi Cards Credit Card	\$139	
	Dedicated Funds	\$148,062	
Current Equity:		\$8,976	Total Liabilities + Equity \$187,624

General Fund

	Actual April 2021	Budgeted April 2021	Over or <Under> Actual over Budget	Year-to-Date As of 04/30/2021	Budgeted Year-to-Date @04/30/2021	Over or <Under> Actual over Budget
Contributions	\$ 9,535	\$ 10,167	(\$ 632)	\$ 51,480	\$ 40,667	\$10,813
Rentals & Other Income	\$ 53	\$ 43	\$ 10	\$11,178	\$ 890	\$10,288
Total Income	\$ 9,588	\$ 10,210	(\$ 622)	\$ 62,658	\$ 41,557	\$21,101
Total Expenses	\$ 12,602	\$17,041	(\$4,439)	\$ 55,357	\$ 59,255	(\$3,898)
Net (Income- Expenses)	(\$3,014)	(\$6,831)	\$3,817	\$7,301	(\$17,698)	\$24,999

Dedicated Funds

	Actual April 2021	Actual Year-to-Date (04/30/2021)
Income	\$348	\$24,480
Disbursements	\$7,083	\$41,368

Trend:

\$2,346 is the average weekly amount required to meet the approved contributions budget for 2021 (\$122,00/52).
\$2,384 was the average weekly contributions amount received in April 2021.

Notes:

1. Giving in April was \$9,535 compared to April 2020 (both had 4 Sundays) giving of \$19,651.
2. Giving in April was \$632 under budget, and rental/other income was \$10 over budget.
3. Total income to-date was \$21,101 over budget and expenses were \$3,898 under budget giving us a net budget surplus to-date of \$24,999. That surplus combined with the structural budget deficit to-date of \$17,698, gives a year-to-date surplus (income – expenses) of \$7,301.
4. Expenses exceeded income by \$3,014 which was about \$3800 less than the budgeted deficit of \$6,831.
5. Total Assets are \$187,624; \$40,358 less than the April 2020 figure of \$227,982 (a reduction of 18%).
6. Current cash equity is \$8,976 (with the PPP loan forgiveness, this would be positive \$39,479).

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.

Your foundational support enables Lutheran Office of Public Policy (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.

More Info at: <https://spselca.org/cause/lutheran-office-of-public-policy-june/>



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Help Get the Word Out about CLC

Check out our Instagram & Facebook accounts!

Find us at **Instagram.com/coastsidelutheran**
or on Facebook at **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

Coastsider 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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