

The Mission Bell

Mission Statement - "By God's grace, Central City Lutheran Mission is a community of hope, healing, and empowerment in the heart of the city."

A Periodic Newsletter of Central City Lutheran Mission

Summer 2015

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New Shoes!

We celebrate the new life our mission partners make possible every day!



Thanks to amazing partners, 65 children from our After School, Supportive Housing, & Aerobics programs received 2 pairs of shoes & 6 pairs of socks plus toys, candy, and fun.

Adults appreciate shoes too, especially adults who experience homelessness. Your donated shoes find very appreciative feet.

New shoes can be a *game-changer*. A CCLM case manager overheard a shelter resident decline a job offer requiring work boots. The young man assumed this was just one more opportunity closed to him. The case manager informed our Chief Operations Officer, Maria Medina, who went out that day and, with donor funds, purchased his work boots.

Then the man found out that he had to prove reliable transportation for a late shift when the buses don't run. So one of our resident volunteers agreed to drive him to work at

1 a.m. every morning for the first week. Soon he found a coworker with whom he could carpool. Our friend has leveraged that job into a place of his own closer to his work. Yes!

Together, we equip children for school and men for work, and share many forms of practical kindness, because of responsive and generous donors, staff, and volunteers!

CCLM-LSS-SC Merger

As of July 1, 2015, Central City Lutheran Mission has officially merged with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (LSS-SC). This merger expands the capacity, relationships, and resources of CCLM within the larger organization of LSS-SC, while still retaining the unique programs and community-oriented ministries that make CCLM the vibrant ministry it is in the community of San Bernardino.

Sunday Service

We are grateful that Sunday evening worship and meals continue throughout this summer. To Catherine Vittorio, coordinator of Sunday evening meals for several years, and Pastor



Catherine & Vince Vittorio

Lara Martin, our resident volunteers, and all the individuals & congregations who have brought food, friends, messages, and music to Sunday night community worship and meals we say a big THANK YOU! If you'd like to bring a Sunday meal, contact our new coordinator, Sue Kroeger, suekroeger65@gmail.com.

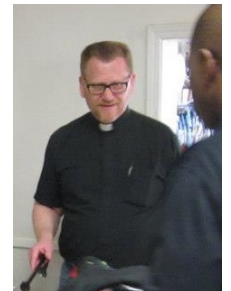
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Whatever your volunteer contribution to CCLM, please come to our **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, August 30th**. Worship service will begin at 5pm with Community Meal immediately following at 6pm. To RSVP for yourself or your organization, contact Jessica Esquivel at jesquivel@cclm.org or (909)381-6921.

New Pastor!

Pastor Jay Egenes and his wife Gail Egenes have supported CCLM with their gifts and talents for many years. With gratitude and joy we welcome Pastor Jay as CCLM's part-time pastor.

Pastor Jay serves Spirit of Hope Lutheran, San Bernardino, faithful congregational supporters of CCLM Sunday night worship & dinners. Pastor Jay has also worked as a professional attorney and musician, fitting nicely with all who find ourselves at CCLM by way of a winding path of grace.



A Word from Amy

Amy Fawcett,
Interim Executive Director



Greetings friends of CCLM!

What an extraordinary group of staff, volunteers and churches that serve here at the Mission day after day. It has truly been a pleasure getting to know everyone, and I look forward to getting to know those of you who I haven't yet met.

I invite you to visit the CCLM campus and would love to hear your thoughts about the Mission and about ministry needs of the community. We will be hosting community talks on various ministry topics so stay posted for future events.

We would welcome sharing with you the good news of CCLM in person. If you would like to tour the CCLM campus or have us come speak to your organization, please contact Deborah Stilt at dstilt@lsscommunitycare.org or (909) 381-6921.

Some opportunities arising from our growing partnerships:

- H-Street Clinic was approved as a FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Clinic), and more clients with previously untreated conditions will have access to medical care and behavioral health counseling.
- Under the direction of the ELCA Churchwide ministries, we are entering new discussions and plans to partner with area churches in an Area Ministry Strategy to bring mission-driven ministry and additional resources to renewing local congregations.

My favorite verse is Galatians 5:6. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness and self-control." Nowhere is your fruit more evident than on the CCLM campus. I am so grateful for your past and continuing service and support of CCLM. I look forward to fulfilling God's great commission with you together in his name.

Blessings and thank you for your support!

Amy



Monica Gonzalez and Rhonda Brown, case managers for Supportive Housing Program help welcome the neighborhood to new health care options at H St Clinic Grand Reopening.

Board Blessings

Pastor Lara Martin,
CCLM Board President

In December we bid farewell to our Pastor/CEO Rev. David Nagler as he moved on to his next call to Christ Lutheran in Pacific Beach. We continue to be grateful to Pastor David for his ministry at CCLM and wish him God's blessings as he continues his journey of ministry. During this interim time, CCLM partnered with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (LSS-SC) on a trial basis to call Amy Fawcett as our Interim Executive Director. Already serving as LSS-SC executive staff, Amy helped to facilitate our exploration of the possibility of a long term relationship between CCLM and LSS-SC.

The Board of Directors of CCLM plan to continue to work in an advisory capacity with the LSS-SC Board and staff in order to ensure the core values and ministries of CCLM continue as expected. Additionally, three people from the CCLM Board (or appointees of the CCLM Board) will serve as voting members on the LSS-SC Board of Directors. Initially those three people will be former Pastor/CEO of CCLM Pastor David Nagler, former CCLM client and CCLM Board member Tim McColery and myself.

As Board President of CCLM, I wish to thank you for your continued support of the ministries of CCLM. CCLM is the vibrant ministry that it is today because of the many faithful people who volunteer and support the ministry. Though we have merged with LSS-SC, the ministry of CCLM has not changed. We continue to have shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, healthcare for the sick, activities for the children, case management and counseling for those in need and hope, healing and empowerment for all who come through our doors. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

Peace,

Pastor Lara



Pastor Lara Martin presenting a Bible study on the origins of CCLM and life, death, and resurrection at the Pacifica Synod Assembly.

Note to Donors: As always, donations to "Central City Lutheran Mission" will be used for CCLM programs. You may give generally to CCLM or designate specific ministries (shelter, food, after school, etc.) as desired. As we catch up with all the changes, you will see on donor acknowledgements the Tax ID 95-2225798, that of LSS-SC, legally effective July 1, 2015. Please contact Maria Medina if you have any questions or need any donor documents.

New Face for After School

With grant funding from the ELCA Foundation Lutheran Services for Children Endowment (LSCE), and Southern California Edison (SCE), Deborah Stilt joins the After School Program as an Educational Resource Coordinator.



Deborah is a passionate, committed professional with a lifelong mission of serving disadvantaged youth. Growing up in San Bernardino herself, she knows first-hand the obstacles children in our community face. The first college graduate in her family, Deborah earned her Master's Degree in Education obtaining an undergraduate degree in Sociology. In joining CCLM and the After School Program, she feels she is coming "full

circle" and is excited to help the kids in her own hometown.

Deborah's goals include expanding the After School Program to encourage student participation during the vulnerable middle and high school years, as well as building relationships within the community to develop circles of support around each student, based upon a "wraparound" approach. Deborah believes that with the right support, the children in our community can and will succeed.

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The time after school is important opportunity and a potential danger for children in our community. We can influence how this time is spent. This year, thanks to the LSCE grant, the After School Program curriculum is being expanded to include art and music.



You can support the After School Program by:

1. Praying for our City's children, for their parents, caregivers, and teachers.
2. Giving materially in goods or designated donations for:
 - Art Supplies – clay, paint, and model building supplies (they are building a model of the city as part of the arts focus).
 - After School Program Basics (Wish List on cclm.org.)
 - Project-based educational field trips.
 - Snacks – e.g. protein bars, peanut butter, crackers, and canned, dried, or fresh fruit
3. Volunteering in the After School Program for a season or on a longer-term basis. College students, individuals employed inside and outside of the home, and retired adults can all make up the circle of support of these children. If you can volunteer, please call Deborah at (909) 381-6921.

Thank You Volunteers, Donors, Supporters, & Mission Partners!

CCLM Wish List

- Mission partners to support us with prayer & financial gifts
- After School Program volunteers
- 2" or less binders for school kids
- Skilled volunteer electricians, plumbers, and maintenance.
- Basic Computer Instructors
- Congregational Liaisons
- Gently Used Van
- Men's Socks
- Beans, Rice, Peanut Butter
- Canned Meat (Food Pantry)



God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday, September 13th of 2014 is ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands"

Sunday. We gratefully welcome participants looking for a fun community project. Our plan is to joyfully spend CDBG funds to refurbish the social hall, the site from which CCLM serves over 5000 meals a month! To let us know that you'd like to join in this or another CCLM project, call the CCLM office at (909) 381-6921.

2015 Schedule

Aerobics
Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri at 9 a.m.

Community Free Meal
Monday-Friday at noon

Computer Lab
Monday-Friday, 1pm-3pm

Food Pantry
1st & 3rd Tues at 8 a.m.

ESL
Tues & Thurs at 6 p.m.

Worship
Join us at 5 p.m. every Sunday for worship service concluding with a community meal open to all.

Special Worship Date:
Volunteer Appreciation
Sunday, August 30, 2015, 5pm



For a calendar and other information, visit www.cclm.org or call (909) 381-6921.



Pacifica Synod Youth & friends help plant & mulch beds.



Central City Lutheran Mission



Food – Housing – Education – Health

- Community Free Meal • Food Pantry • After School Program • Thrift Store • Sewing Cooperative • Computer Lab
- Men’s Emergency Shelter • Supportive Housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS • Transitional House for homeless men
 - Reentry House for formerly incarcerated men • Medical & Job Transportation • Worship & Spiritual Care
- Adult Classes – English, Art & Crafts, Aerobics • Community Garden • 12-Step meetings • Mental Health services



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