



April 2024

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Dear Resurrection People,
I write this letter at the beginning of Holy Week. Christ has triumphantly come into Jerusalem on a donkey and his disciples are eager to celebrate Passover together, to remember the night when God protected them from harm and led them away from Egypt toward the promised land. For Jesus though we know this is a much different journey, as he prepares the disciples for what is to come. You will receive this letter while we are at the end of Holy Week or even post-Easter celebrations. Either way it is good to know what Jesus is willing to do and does for you. Without death, there is no resurrection.

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! That never gets old. Because it is Gospel, Good News. Knowing that we have a God that loves us so much that he will sacrifice His own Son, in such a way, to have Him take on our sin, through a humiliating, painful death is inconceivable. Then to have him rise on the third day in a glorious resurrection after fighting and defeating death and the devil, what a God we serve.

As Spring is here, there is rebirth all around as trees are budding, flowers are blossoming and coming back to life, we can be so thankful for all we have. There is new life in the Easter story for all. There is new life within you when you confess Jesus as Lord and you share the Good News with others. The capacity for new life is endless, it is everywhere and sometimes we are the recipients and sometimes we are the givers.

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NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING!



LCIF is printing a Photo Directory in April. Photos with a good resolution can be provided to the office by **April 8, 2024** at office@lcifoothills.org. Or, come to LCIF on Sunday, **April 7th** 2:00pm–3:30pm and our own **Thane Gustafson** will take a casual photo of you.

Updates to data such as, address, phone, and email are also needed by April 8th!

SAVE THE DATE - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Save the date and join us on **Sunday, June 2nd** at 11:15am (following Worship) for our Congregational Meeting. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for the meeting and potluck!

Topics will include: Elections, Budgets, Audit, Reports, and Governing Documents.

* All teams need to submit written annual reports to the office or Renee by **Thursday, May 18th**.



MISSION STATEMENT

As one house of Christ's Church, we welcome you home. Here you will find the love of Christ exemplified. Here you will find a community rooted in the Gospel.

VISION STATEMENT

LCIF provides sanctuary, hope and healing to all, without judgment; offers answers to everyday challenges; and grows stronger so that we will be able to reach out more effectively.

LCIF STAFF

Ministers: All People of LCIF

Pastor: Rick Hall

Music Minister: Mark Anzelon

Keyboardist

Extraordinaire: Sun Coe

Administrative Assistant:

Emily DiPetrillo

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS

1700 Foothill Blvd.

La Cañada Flintridge

Sunday Service at 10am

Office hours: 9am - 1pm, M-F

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PASTOR RICK HALL

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Monday, 9am to 1pm

Tues - Thursday, by appointment

WORSHIP SERVERS

April 7th

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody
Communion Server: Janice Schettini
Lector: Liz Craney
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher: Chris Craney

April 14th

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Coffee Fellowship: Sarah Legerton
Communion Server: Colin Legerton
Lector: Kathy Murphy
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher: Chris Murphy

April 21st

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Coffee Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini
Communion Server: Joe Johnson
Lector: Denise Johnson
TMT: Greg & GariLynn Hiscott
Usher: Roger Schulke

April 28th

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Lector: Craig Gropper
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher: David Haxton



SPRING WORK DAY WAS A SUCCESS!

We had an amazing group of volunteers who gave their time and talents to make repairs, organize items and update some of the LCIF facilities. Thank you to **Bonnie, Chris (Craney), Chris (Murphy), Craig, Ed, Emily, GariLynn, Greg, Janice, Jeff, Kathy, Renee, Rick, and Roger!**



THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers!

LCIF Work Day
March 9th 2024

The courtyard and Fellowship Hall bathrooms were painted and refreshed, storage rooms were cleaned out and organized, and new light fixtures and window coverings were hung up. Thank you to everyone who helped out! Our next **All-Church Work Day** will be on **Saturday, October 5th.**

TEMPLE TALK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST



Kelly Manning, from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will be speaking to our congregation on the 21st. She'll also have materials from her organization available during Fellowship. AFSP received \$2,000 from LCIF's Endowment Fund this year!

AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, including those who have experienced loss. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health by engaging in research, education, and advocacy.

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People of JOY, in this Easter season, be on the lookout for these opportunities to share JOY with others. Also be willing to receive JOY when others extend it to you.
May the JOYs of this Easter season surround you with love and happiness.

Easter Blessings,
Pastor Rick

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



* Approved letter to City of La Canada Flintridge with mitigation for Foothill Blvd Storm Drain Sleeve
* Requested that the Draft FY 2024-2025 Budget include Tondolea as parsonage (pastoral living)
* Approved use of up to \$1,000 Memorial Funds (from the Worship & Music "Bucket" which has a current balance of \$16,090) to purchase pew editions of Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), All Creation Sings (ACS), and/or accompaniments books
* Received reports from Teams, Pastor, Treasurer, and President. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16th** at 7:00pm

LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



Our next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, **April 15th** at 2pm in the Conference Room. This month's book is Tom Lake by Ann Patchett.

LCIF TEAMS - UPCOMING MEETINGS



Operations - Tues. April 9th @ 5:00pm
Finance - Thurs. April 11th @ 4:00pm
Generosity - Thurs. April 25th @ 1:30pm
Ministry - Tues. May 7th @ 5:00pm



Meetings take place in our Conference Room
All are welcome - no RSVP needed!



Pilgrimage to Greece with Mediterranean Cruise
"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"
May 12-23.2025

Coordinated by Pastor Tim Singleton & Pastor Rick Hall

It will be a wonderful pilgrimage of ancient enchantment, Christian faith, spiritual inspiration, and a lot of fun along the way ... opa!

Come to an informational meeting to learn more:
Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm
in the LCIF Conference Room

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pat Hartney - 2nd
Ellie Baldwin - 7th
Michelle Gropper - 8th
Gavin Hall - 14th
Alex Ujfalusy - 17th
Cathy Hall - 20th
Colin Legerton - 23rd
Renee Brandt - 24th
Daniel Kogut - 27th
Sadie Dillard - 29th

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

David Haxton & Lori Moody - 13th
Dave & Janice Schettini - 20th
Brett & Karla Reinhard - 25th
Chris & Kathy Murphy - 29th

PRAYER LIST

If you would like someone added to our prayer list, please send their name and any other information you'd like included to prayer@lcifoothills.org.
The Prayer List is printed in our bulletin.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS

Sunday School*
10am during worship
*for children in 1st - 4th grade
Women Gather
2nd/4th Tuesdays of the month
1pm in the conference room
Knit Together
Wednesdays
1pm in the conference room
Prayer Breakfast
Thursdays 9am at the La Cañada McDonalds
Quilters
Saturdays at 9am
in the quilting room
Choir Rehearsals
Sundays at 9:15am / 11:30am

2024 Summer Fun! Wednesday Nights!



June 5 - Game Night at LCIF!
June 12 - Hike at Sunset!
June 19 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
June 26 - Ice Cream Sundaes at Memorial Park!!

July 3 - Swim Party!
July 10 - Concert at Verdugo Park!
July 17 - Mini Golf at LCIF!
July 24 - Walk at the Rosebowl!
July 31 - Movie Night!

Aug 7 - "Campfire"
Aug 14 - Frisbee Golf at Hahamongna
Aug 21 - Sunset Bike Ride!
Aug 28 - Bunco Party at LCIF!

Most events are 6 - 8 PM, free and/or low-cost! Perfect for friends and visiting family! Youth (6th grade to college) can meet early at LCIF for dinner and carpool.

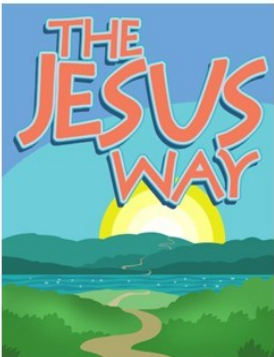
Please RSVP to help with planning

Lutheran Church in the Foothills
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LCIFoothills.org or youth@LCIFoothills.org or Facebook



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1700 Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada

Join Us at VBS Sign Up Day!



**Sunday,
April 14th**

10am: Worship Service
11am: Registration
with Games & Snacks!

*Come learn about our
Vacation Bible School
and reserve your spot!*

Save the Dates for VBS:
June 17th - 21st, 9:00am to 12:00pm

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Promoting Friendship and Understanding

ISRAEL/PALESTINE PANEL CONVERSATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
6:30 PM GATHERING 7-8:30 PANEL

Ahmed Soboh
Chairman, Islamic Shura
Council of Southern California,
American Palestinian activist

Gary Gilbert
Associate Professor of Religious
Studies & Director of Jewish
Studies Sequence, Claremont
McKenna College

Andy Winnick
Member of J Street and Jewish
Alliance for Justice and Peace.
Author of *The Impact of Israel's
Founding Myths on the Prospects
for a Two-State Solution*

**Location: University of La Verne, Ludwick Sacred Space
1928 Bonita Ave, La Verne, CA**

The purpose of this event is for building understanding and education not advocating a particular position or demonstration. Participants are encouraged to be mindful of this so this purpose is achieved. Sponsored by the Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Middle East Peace & ULV's Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

Join Us In Welcoming

Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum

As We Learn More About The
Intersection of Homelessness and Faith

Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum is the CEO of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care and coordinates and manages federal, state, county, and city funds for programs for people experiencing homelessness.

Dr. Adams Kellum is perhaps best known for her time as President and CEO of St. Joseph Center, a social service organization offering outreach & engagement, housing, mental health, and education & vocational programs throughout Los Angeles.

Dr. Adams Kellum has a passion for assisting faith organizations navigate the unique challenges that the homelessness crisis brings to them. Please join us!

Time: Apr 24, 2024 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84477083806>
Meeting ID: 844 7708 3806