

March 2024

# Lutheran Church in the Foothills

*Living in God's Amazing Grace*

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Happy March to you all. As we enter into this month we are several weeks into the Lenten Season. Which means we are pretty well bogged down in facing our own sin and the fact that the Law is weighing us down. Yes, turning our back on God is something we all do. But the good thing about this is that God does not turn away from us, instead he provides a way to take on that sin and crush it so that it is no more. God provides His only Son.

Yes, as we go forward in Lent we see how Jesus prepares his followers for his death. He predicts in Mark 8:31 "the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed," This could not be easy for them to hear, there is no way that will happen on my watch says Peter. Indeed this is what Lent is about, seeing Jesus prepare the world for what is to happen. He comes to show us love and how to love our neighbors, to heal and teach.

This road we walk as followers of Christ is not an easy one, Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." The cross, that is too heavy, the cross that will be central in our lives. This cross that often gets in the way. This cross....

My mom used to say, "that is just my cross to bear." But the fact is that as we bear the cross, as we live our lives, we are not

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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** or our own **Thane Gustafson** will take a casual photo of you here at LCIF (details to follow).  
*Updates to data such as, address, phone, and email are also needed by April 8.*



## 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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[www.lcifoothills.org](http://www.lcifoothills.org)

## PASTOR RICK HALL

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Office Hours:

Monday, 9am to 1pm

Tues - Thursday, by appointment



### Palm Sunday - March 24th

10:00am Worship

Gather at 9:45am in the courtyard for procession with palms

### Maundy Thursday - March 28th

7 pm Worship with Holy Communion

### Good Friday - March 29th

7pm Worship

### Easter Sunday - March 31st

A Family Celebration where All are Welcome!

9am Brunch in the Fellowship Hall / 10 am Worship

WORSHIP SERVERS

March 3rd

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy  
Coffee Fellowship: Caryl Pettit  
Communion Server:  
Janice Schettini  
Lector: Jeff Brandt  
TMT: Greg & GariLynn Hiscott  
Usher: David Haxton

March 10th

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt  
Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody  
Communion Server: Craig Gropper  
Lector: Lynn Banfi  
TMT: Renee Brandt  
Usher: Jim Goris

March 17th

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott  
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy  
Communion Server: Mike Meeker  
Lector: GariLynn Hiscott  
TMT: Cathy Hall  
Usher: Roger Schulke

March 24th - Palm Sunday

Altar Guild: Janice Schenitti  
Coffee Fellowship: Renee Brandt  
Communion Server: Joe Johnson  
Lector: Denise Johnson  
TMT: Greg & GariLynn Hiscott  
Usher: Chris Craney

March 28th

Maudy Thursday

Lector: Janice Schenitti

March 31st - Easter

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt  
Coffee Fellowship: Easter Brunch  
Communion Server: Liz Craney  
Lector: Chris Craney  
TMT: Renee Brandt  
Usher: Gavin Hall, David Haxton

All are Welcome!

LENTEN CALENDAR

<b>March 3rd - 3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>March 24th - Palm Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship
<b>March 6th - Wednesday</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship	<b>March 28th - Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Worship
<b>March 10th - 4th Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>March 29th - Good Friday</b> 7:00pm Worship
<b>March 13th - Wednesday</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship	<b>March 30th - Easter Vigil</b> Evening Vigil - time TBA At Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 3561 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta
<b>March 17th - 5th Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>March 31st - Easter Sunday</b> 8:30am Continental Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am Worship
<b>March 20th - Wednesday</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship	

Our Lenten offerings will be shared with "Making It Happen"  
an organization in Sun Valley that provides food, clothing and access  
to services for those in need. [www.makingithappeninc.org](http://www.makingithappeninc.org)

"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" SUCCESS



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Souper Bowl of Caring! Our results: Kansas City-\$181 and San Francisco-\$209.26  
The winner? Lutheran Social Services of Southern California - \$390.26!

CONGRATS TO GRANT HAXTON!



The U.S. Army recently promoted **Grant Haxton** (center) to captain. His parents, **Lori Moody and David Haxton**, attended the promotion ceremony at the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Liberty, North Carolina. Grant deployed with the 82nd Airborne to the 2021 Kabul airlift, and he will soon transfer from Infantry to Military Intelligence. In the Army, he has earned the Expert Infantryman Badge and Combat Infantryman Badge, and a Presidential Unit Citation for the Kabul airlift.

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alone, we do not face the cross by ourselves. In fact Jesus takes our place and helps us, so that this cross to bear, the unbearable is bearable. That’s correct, Christ, through suffering on the cross, will take on our sins and help us turn back to God where we find love and forgiveness. We too are to die every day to sin, so that we can rise everyday with Christ.  
Lent is a time of thought and prayer, a time to repent and be set free. That is what Jesus is talking about when he must go to the cross, must suffer these things. I invite you to embrace the season because we know what death leads to and we look forward to that, but we cannot get there without Lent. Without death there is no .....  
Blessings, Pastor Rick

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



\* Election of Officers \* Set Congregational Meeting on June 2, 2024 following worship for adoption of budget, ratification of governing documents, and reports  
\* Heard updates and reports \* Filed Treasurer’s Report for Audit.

LCIF COUNCIL FOR 2024

President: **Renee Brandt**, Vice President: **Craig Gropper**, Treasurer: **David Haxton**, Secretary: **Greg Hiscott**, Pastor: **Rick Hall**

Members/Team Liaisons:  
Audit: **Susan Nakaoki**, Executive: **Renee Brandt**, Finance: **David Haxton**, Generosity: **Janet Cassidy**, Ministry: **Craig Gropper**, Mutual Ministries: **Gavin Hall**, Nominating: **Joe Johnson**, Operations: **Greg Hiscott**

Thank you to **Marcy Anzelon, Yvonne Baldwin, Erika Howard, Rayne Cumberworth and Liz Craney** who are leaving the Council.

The Congregation Council has general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

LCIF’S BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Monday, March 25th at 2pm in the Conference Room**. This month’s book is The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama. All are welcome!

THE COMMISSION FOR A RENEWED LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!



SCAN ME

Our listening survey is gathering responses across the ELCA on the expressions, structure, and purpose of our church. All survey responses are anonymous.  
Take our survey at this link or by scanning the attached QR Code or email the church office at [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) for a link to the survey form.

Please share our survey with your network! The survey will close on March 15th, 2024.

We need your help to take care of LCIF!



**LCIF Work Day**  
Saturday, March 9th  
10:00am—2:00pm



Join us as we clean, sort, label, paint, and make repairs around campus.  
Please wear work clothes and bring work gloves if you have them.  
**Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.**  
RSVP to the church office [atoffice@lcifoothills.org](mailto:atoffice@lcifoothills.org) and tell us what time you’re able to come and if there’s a certain job you’d like to do.  
**Any amount of time you can volunteer is appreciated and all types of job skills are needed!**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Matlide Coleman - 4th
- Yvonne Baldwin - 5th
- Joe Johnson - 6th
- Henry Castaneda - 10th
- Jeff Brandt - 11th
- Chris Clarkson - 13th
- Beth Bunnell - 16th
- Tina Hartney - 26th
- Lee Clarke - 30th

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](mailto:prayer@lcifoothills.org).  
The Prayer List is printed in our bulletin.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS

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





FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

MOBILEPACK™



Salem Lutheran Church in Glendale

is hosting a

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Come and help us pack 100,000 meals for children around the world who are hungry.

We need 500 volunteers

• Anyone 5 – 105 can participate.

• Sign-up as an individual, a family, or a group.

• Students can earn service hours.

Each packing shift is just 2 hours

• Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>: 6 – 8 pm

• Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: 9 – 11am, 12 – 2 pm, 2:30 - 4:30pm

To sign-up for a packing shift

Go to: <https://www.fmssc.org/volunteer-listing/?mobilepack=2403-044ME>

To see what a MobilePack event looks like view the video at <https://youtu.be/ech5XOrvipM>

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian organization that receives the highest non-profit rating for using its resources wisely and closely following their mission. [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org)

Questions: Contact Karen Josephson at [karenjosephson@gmail.com](mailto:karenjosephson@gmail.com)  
Pastor Amie Odahl at [pastor\\_amie@salemglendale.org](mailto:pastor_amie@salemglendale.org)

It costs .30 to feed a child for a day and \$106 for a year.

Each meal pack consists of dried rice, soy, vegetables & vitamins measured and sealed in individual packs



LCIF  
Vacation Bible  
School

Mon - Fri  
9 AM - Noon  
June 17-21,  
2024

Sign-up Day!  
Sunday, April 14th

10 AM Worship  
11 AM Registration,  
Games, Snacks

SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

• **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.

• Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.

• **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.

• Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

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Pilgrimage to Greece with a Mediterranean Cruise

"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"

May 12-23, 2025

Coordinated by Pastor Tim Singleton & Pastor Rick Hall



Pastor Tim from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church has organized a special tour package for a trip to Greece with a 3 night Mediterranean cruise!

What a wonderful pilgrimage of ancient enchantment, Christian faith, spiritual inspiration, and a lot of great fun along the way! Opa!!!



PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

May 12 - 23, 2025

"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"

Join us to learn more about this amazing journey!

April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm  
Conference Rm.

BEACON HOUSING PRESENTS OUR

CHARITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Come join us for some friendly competition for a good cause! Proceeds go towards a housing navigator program to assist both existing tenants and housing seekers towards housing stability.

17 MARCH, 2024

11AM-3PM



ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

YMCA OF THE FOOTHILLS

1930 FOOTHILL BLVD  
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA

• 16 Teams

• Double Elimination w/ winners and runners-up brackets

• Open division - all levels and ages welcome

• Each game is played to 7 points

• Final game is between the winners of both brackets

\$200 PER PAIR

REGISTER EARLY - SPACES LIMITED



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