

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.



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 March 2024



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

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PASTOR RICK HALL

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Monday, 9am to 1pm Tues - Thursday, by appointment

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



March 3rd - 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00am Worship

March 6th - Wednesday

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship

March 10th - 4th Sunday in Lent

10:00am Worship

March 13th - Wednesday

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship

March 17th - 5th Sunday in Lent

10:00am Worship

March 20th - Wednesday

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship

March 24th - Palm Sunday 10:00am Worship

March 28th - Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Worship

March 29th - Good Friday

7:00pm Worship

March 30th - Easter Vigil

Evening Vigil - time TBA At Mt. Olive Lutheran Church 3561 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta

March 31st - Easter Sunday

8:30am Continental Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am 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

"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 trans-

fer 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 <u>The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama</u>. All are welcome!

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



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 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 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.

The Prayer List is printed in our bulletin.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS

Women Gather 2nd/4th Tuesdays of the month 1pm in the conference room

> <u>Knit Together</u> Wednesdays 1pm in the conference room

> > <u>Prayer Breakfast</u> Thursdays 9am at the La Cañada McDonalds

Quilters
Saturdays at 9am
in the quilting room

<u>Choir Rehearsals</u> Sundays at 9:15am / 11:30am





Salem Lutheran Church in Glendale is hosting a

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack March 8th and 9th

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 8th: 6 8 pm
 Saturday, March 9th: 9 11am, 12 2 pm, 2:30 4:30pm

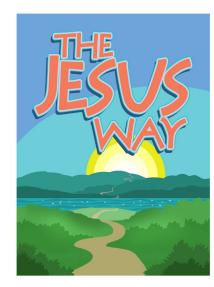
To sign-up for a packing shift

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

To see what a MobilePack event looks like view the video at https://youtu.be/ech5XOryipM

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian organization that receives the highest

Questions: Contact Karen Josephson at karenriosephson@gmail.com Pastor Amie Odahl at pastor_amie@salemglendale.org



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.



Each meal pack consists of



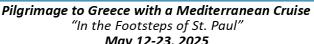
Recognize scammers. They may:

- 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!





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!!!



"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"

Join us to learn more about this amazing journey!

April 23rd at 7pm Conference Rm.

