

June 2024

# Lutheran Church in the Foothills

*Living in God's Amazing Grace*

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Siblings in Christ,

We are headed into the Pentecost season of the church year, where we will see a lot of green as the color of the week. In fact there are roughly 26 Sundays in Pentecost with All Saints Day and Christ the King Sundays coming at the end of the season before we head into a new liturgical year: Advent. During this time we will hear from the

Gospel of Mark quite a bit with some of John's Gospel sprinkled in the middle. In addition, we experience the Old and New Testaments and the stories and letters from their time and see how that wisdom influences, impacts, and guides us in 2024.

In the Roman Catholic Church, this time is referred to as ordinary time. I always was curious about this. What is so ordinary about God's Kingdom come and the beginning of something new through Christ? It is anything but ordinary, and we get to witness it through readings, liturgy, worship, and song. I invite you to lean into this season and see what God is up to.

Speaking of what is up, are you ready for the Wednesday night gatherings this summer? Game night, hike, bike ride..... the list is long. Please plan to join the church in fellowship and laughter. These are times to build relationships with each other and in turn with God. Take a look at the calendar and plan out the ones you want to attend.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your faithfulness in giving thus far this year, it is an inspiration and a testament to your commitment to God and His mission and ministry here at, with, and through LCIF. Summer is a time of travel and exploration and I encourage you to go out and enjoy all that we have been blessed with. As you do please stay safe and have fun.

May the Spirit move you in new and exciting ways,  
Pastor Rick



### 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

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Monday, 9am to 1pm

Tues - Thursday, by appointment



### Wednesday, June 5: 6pm-8pm

Bring a favorite game or play with one of the many provided!

**Food - Fun - Fellowship!**

### LCIF RECEIVES AND USES HYMNALS

After experimenting with a Holy Communion setting from the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) early in the year, LCIF used Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Eight alternating with a new liturgy gifted to us by Mark. Now we are planning to use ELW Setting Ten for long enough that we get really familiar with and fond of it. You'll find the liturgy on pages 203 - 209 and we'll

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## WORSHIP SERVERS

### June 2

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt  
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy  
Communion Server: Gavin Hall  
Lector: Kathy Murphy  
TMT: Jim Goris  
Usher: Chris Murphy

### June 9

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini  
Coffee Fellowship: The Dillard's  
Communion Server: Chris Craney  
Lector: Jeff Brandt  
TMT: Greg and GariLynn Hiscott  
Usher: Jim Goris

### June 16

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt  
Coffee Fellowship: Renee Brandt  
Communion Server: Mike Meeker  
Lector: Chris Craney  
TMT: Renee Brandt  
Usher: Roger Schulke

### June 23

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott  
Coffee Fellowship: VBS/Caryl Pettit  
Communion Server: Colin Legerton  
Lector: GariLynn Hiscott  
TMT: Greg & GariLynn Hiscott  
Usher: David Haxton

### June 30

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy  
Coffee Fellowship: Sarah Legerton  
Communion Server:  
Denise Johnson  
Lector: Janice Schettini  
TMT: Cathy Hall  
Usher: Gavin Hall

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!



**Wesley Guske, Anna Guske, Andrew Guske, Mason Hall, Braden Hall** (with **Pastor Rick** in the back row)

## HYMNALS

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sing hymns from the back. Did you know each week, the in person bulletin lists the hymns for the day along with the Bible readings. You are encouraged to explore and ask questions.

LCIF got 75 ELW hymnals (pew editions) and supporting music books in April from the Holy Closure of Lutheran Church of the Master (Sacramento, California). LCIF rejoices in this legacy gift which benefits the environment and our finances. Retail to purchase 75 pew editions new would be \$2,000. Thank you to **Pastor Rick** for obtaining this gift.

ELW has: Introductory, context, background, and calendar information (pages 6 - 17). Ten different settings of the liturgy (pages 89 - 222). Additional services, e.g., baptism, healing, life passages, matins/vespers/compline (pages 223 - 332). Prayer resources (pages 18 - 88). All 150 psalms for singing (pages 333 - Psalm 150) A collections of hymns and songs (#151 - # 893) Additional resources, including the Lectionary and Luther's Small Catechism (pages 1119 - 1211).

- Renee Brandt, LCIF Council President

## BEWARE, JEWELRY THEFT IS ON THE RISE

by Capt. Robert Hahnlein, LAC Sheriff's Dept  
Appeared in *La Canada Flintridge Neighbors*. January 2024

Happy New Year everyone. Let's kick off the new year by talking about a new twist on an old crime. Theft. Specifically, jewelry stolen off you; sometimes without you even noticing it happened. Sounds unbelievable? It's true. While the most common target is women, people of any age or gender identity - - as long as they're wearing jewelry - - are potential targets.

If a stranger approaches you and asks seemingly innocuous

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## SPECIAL GUEST AT LCIF

On **June 16**, we will have a special guest, **Luther Richert** from Mental Health L.A. at LCIF for a Temple Talk. He will also be available to answer questions after service. MHLA recently received \$2,000 from LCIF's Endowment Fund.

## MAY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



- \* Considered facility use requests and agreements.
- \* Accepted resignation of David Haxton as Treasurer.
- \* Heard updates and reports from Pastor and Teams: Ministry, Generosity, Mutual Ministry, Nominating, Audit, Finance, and Operations.

\* Filed Financial Reports for audit.

\* Next meeting: **June 25 @ 7 PM** in the Conference Room.

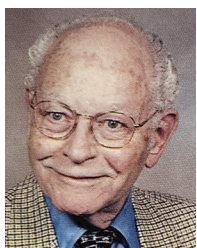
## LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Monday, June 24 at 2pm** in the Conference Room. This month's book is An American Beauty by Shana Abe.

In July, we'll meet on **Monday, July 15** and will discuss Millie's Book by Barbara Bush. All are welcome!

## A BLESSING FROM DEAN DEARDORFF



Recently LCIF was blessed with a gift of \$2,210.98 from Dean Deardorff.

LCIF's newsletter archive shows this Memoriam for Dean: On Monday, November 25, 2013, our brother in Christ, Dean Deardorff, died at Verdugo Hills Hospital. Dean, born in Kansas, was a graphic artist at JPL, loved to square dance, and was a long-time and active member at LCIF.

Ever since his death, LCIF has periodically received a generous gift from Dean through the Dean D. Deardorff Fund, a donor-advised fund held at Thrivent Charitable. We are grateful for the saints who continue to believe in the ministry at LCIF.

Ask around and some folks who've been at LCIF for awhile can probably share a good story about Dean. He was always happy around other people or when driving his yellow VW beetle.

## KELLY MANNING ON SUICIDE PREVENTION



On Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, **Kelly Manning**, of the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**, offered a temple talk on the organization's mission to "save lives and bring hope" to those who may have a loved one struggling with depression or ideas of suicide, or who may be recovering from the loss of a victim of suicide.

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## LCIF TEAMS - UPCOMING MEETINGS



Operations Team - Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00pm

Finance Team - Thursday, June 13 at 4:00pm

LCIF Council - Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00pm

Meetings are in the Conference Room - all are welcome!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Denise Johnson - June 10

Caryl Pettit - June 12

TJ Alfano - June 13

Gloria Knutson - June 17

Kirk Cassidy - June 20

Don Hall - June 20

Chris Craney - June 21

Rick Hall - June 21

Jon Baldwin - June 24

Ron Nakaoki - June 26

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mae & Tom Welter - June 9

Denise & Joe Johnson - June 18

Cathy & Rick Hall - June 28

## 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

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



## JEWELRY THEFT (continued from page 2)

questions: How do I get on the 210 West? Have you seen my dog? you should put your guard up. They may also attempt to draw your attention to your jewelry (*What a beautiful piece, where did you get it?*) or even offer to let you try on some of theirs (*This would look so good on you!*).

These are all distractions and act as a reason to let them get close to you or touch the jewelry you're wearing. Even if you decline, the criminal will not be deterred. They will become more pushy, putting a ring or bracelet on you so that they can surreptitiously replace your jewelry with theirs. Unsurprisingly, the items they're forcing on you are junk. These criminals are skilled in the art of distraction and it will only be after the interaction's ended that you realize your jewelry is gone.

So, while there are many people out there legitimately confused about where the 210 entrance is or desperately searching for their dog, be skeptical if they quickly transition to discussing jewelry.

## KELLY MANNING (continued from page 3)

**Kelly** mentioned that in California, suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among those between the ages of 25-34. However, with greater awareness of the prevalence of mental health struggles among young people, prevention is often possible through means such as initiating a "real conversation" with someone about how they are feeling, and simply showing a willingness to listen. Worries about "saying the wrong thing" at such a time shouldn't make us hesitant to reach out; and several studies show that using the word "suicide," or asking direct questions, will not act as trigger to cause someone to take their own life.

**Kelly** left a folder of resource material with us that you can access through Pastor Rick, if you are interested in pursuing this important topic. We were blessed to be able to support the work of this Foundation through one of our Endowment Fund grants for 2023.

- Jeff Brandt, Generosity Team

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Join the fun ...  
**Vacation Bible School at LCIF!**

**June 17 - 21**  
9:00am - 12:00pm

**\$35 for one child**  
**\$25 each for two or more**  
4 years old to 6th grade

Register at [www.lcifoothills.org](http://www.lcifoothills.org)

**2024 Summer Fun!**  
**Wednesday Nights!**

6 - 8 PM

 June 5 Game Night at LCIF!

 June 12 Hike at Sunset!

 June 17-21 Vacation Bible School!

 June 26 Ice Cream at Memorial Park!

Perfect for friends, visiting family, neighbors!  
VBS is all week: 9am - 12n

Please RSVP to help with planning  
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