

May 2024



Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Happy Spring,

April showers bring May flowers. If that is the case, we should have quite the flowers this month. The showers we have had in April are welcomed and needed, so we should enjoy the new birth of plants we have not seen in a while. Enjoy the beauty and smells of the new growth. May you be blessed by this work of art that God will be

bringing through the water.

We continue in the season of Easter for a few more weeks as we hear about the days, weeks, months ... after Christ's resurrection and ascension. We learn that believers in The Way, sold everything and gave the proceeds to the newly formed "church." All was shared and given out as was needed. They gathered in praise and thanksgiving, but also in fear as they were persecuted by Romans and Hebrews. Even though this threat was real the believers continued with their commission to "go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28)

What it must have been like in those early days as we see accounts of people being baptized daily and on Pentecost 3,000 people were converted and baptized. Sharing one's faith and having non-believers hearing the truth for the first time.

Friends, we are still in the time. Easter Season will only last a few more weeks then we have Pentecost where we will hear about the tongues like fire, people hearing the message in their own language and the apostles preaching, testifying and ministering to the crowds, even baptizing them.

As disciples you too are commissioned to go out and make

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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:

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Monday, 9am to 1pm

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NEW LCIF DIRECTORY IS COMING SOON



We will be printing the new church directories later this month ... so here's your last chance to submit a new photo and update your information! Send a photo (as an attachment) or updated info to office@lcifoothills.org by **Monday, May 15**.

JOIN US AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

Congregational Meeting



Save the date and join us on **Sunday, June 2** following Worship for our Congregational Meeting.

* **Agenda will include:** Ratify governing documents, adopt 2024-2025 Budget, elections, annual reports from LCIF Teams, use of Memorials and Bequests for Tondolea.

* All teams need to **submit written annual reports**

to the office or Renee as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, May 18.

* Please bring a **summer favorite dish** to share at the potluck.

WORSHIP SERVERS

May 5

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Coffee Fellowship: Sarah Legerton
Communion Server: Mike Meeker
Lector: Colin Legerton
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher: David Haxton

May 12

Service of the Word
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Lector: Jane McMahon
TMT: Greg & Garilyn Hiscott
Usher: Renee Brandt

May 19

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Coffee Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini
Communion Servers: Confirmands
Lector: Ellen Harrington
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher: Roger Schulke

May 26

Altar Guild: Caryl Pettit
Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody
Communion Server: Liz Craney
Lector: Linda Spengler
TMT: Cathy Hall
Usher: David Haxton

June 2

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

EASTER SUNDAY AT LCIF



LCIF DONATES TO MAKING IT HAPPEN, INC.



In April, **Pastor Rick** and **Yvonne Baldwin** visited **Pattee Colvin** of **Making It Happen, Inc.** and delivered a check for \$2,000! The funds were collected from our congregation during Lent. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Earlier this year, Pattee spoke during a service about their mission of meeting the needs of those in our community who are hungry, homeless, or un/underemployed. To learn more about this amazing organization, visit their website at: www.makingithappeninc.org.

SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY



A big Thank You goes out to our delegates for this important gathering: **Pastor Rick** along with **GariLynn** and **Greg Hiscott!**

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disciples. To share your story and the story of Jesus Christ and how they interact. You are asked to be like Christ in your words and actions. In short be yourself and share yourself with others you meet. Be kind, listen, talk, act, love God and love people. Notice when **the Cross is getting in the Way** and contemplate if it is enough to change the way you're doing things. Remember always that the **Cross is The Way.**

May God bless you this month and may you see **JOY** in everyday occurrences, may you encounter others along the way and may God give you courage to share the Good News.

God is Good, All the Time, and All the Time, God is Good!

Blessings, Pastor Rick

SPECIAL GUEST AT LCIF

On May 12, **Deacon Tempie Beaman** will bring the Word to LCIF while **Pastor Rick** and his family are celebrating **Max's** graduation from VCSU in North Dakota.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



* Approved a draft Budget for 2024-2025 to recommend to the congregation for their adoption at the June 2 meeting. * Appointed LCIF delegates to SWCA Assembly: **Rick Hall** along with **GariLynn** and **Greg Hiscott**. * Received reports from Teams and Pastor. * Reviewed Financial Reports and filed for audit. * Additional information items: CCNS (Flo's Farm, Kinderooks) and office contracts. * **Next meeting: May 22 at 7 PM** in the Conference Room.

LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Monday, May 20 at 2pm** in the Conference Room. This month's book is The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. All are welcome!

FLO'S FARM IS NOW OPEN!



There's a "farm" at LCIF! "Flo's Farm" was named after our daughter, **Florence**, a 4 year old student of Crescenta Canada Nursery School (CCNS) led by Director, **Michelle Reilly**. Florence was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, a stage 4 brain tumor, when she was 22 months old.

After treatment, Flo started preschool, which became a place for healing, growth and budding friendships. Inspired by the "Muddy Boots Farm" at Kidspace Museum, Florence wished for a play farm at her school. The Make-A-Wish Foundation granted her wish, which included renovating an existing log cabin built by parents of the co-op in 1994.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was recently held, along with the school's annual Trike-A-Thon fundraiser.

My husband and I are grateful for the collaboration between LCIF, Crescenta Canada Nursery School, Kidspace Museum and ROAM Design + Builders to make Florence's wish come true, and hope the play space will continue to bring joy to the children, teachers and community in the years to come.



- Eugenia Chong, Flo's Mom

LCIF TEAMS - UPCOMING MEETINGS



Ministry - Tuesday, May 7 @ 5:30pm
LCIF Council - Tuesday, May 21 @ 7:00pm

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Erika Howard - May 6
Susan Nakaoki - May 7
Mackenzie Davis - May 9
Rayne Cumberworth - May 11
Marcy Anzelon - May 12
Max Hall - May 16
Charles Arsenescu - May 19
Mallory Combellick - May 21
Lisa (Jenks) Messineo - May 21
Ellen Harrington - May 22
John Foster - May 28
Olivia Brandt - May 29

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew Beilfuss & Louise Belair
May 31

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



Blood Drive at LCIF
Thursday, May 23rd
10am to 4pm

**Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)
 and enter "lcifoothills"
 to schedule an appointment!**



Vacation Bible School

June 17th - 21st
9am to 12pm
 4 years old to 6th grade

www.lcifoothills.org

La Canada Area
INTERFAITH BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
**2024 Graduating Seniors,
 their families & the Community**

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
 7:00 PM
ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE CHURCH
 215 Foothill Blvd., La Canada, CA 91011

SAVE THE DATE!



**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!

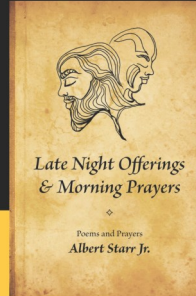

Most events are 6 - 8 PM, free and/or low-cost! Perfect for friends and visiting family! Youth (6th grade to college) can meet early at LCIF for dinner and carpool.




ONLINE READING
 and conversation with
 the author and Rahel Mwitula Williams

THURSDAY, MAY 9
 7 pm Pacific Time

Buy the Book:
<https://bit.ly/AlbertStarrJr>

Register in advance:
<https://bit.ly/LateNightOfferings>

"Love each other as I have loved you."
 JOHN 15:12, NIV

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On behalf of all of us, thank you for your generosity in 2023!



Dan Beirne
 Director of Mobilization & Faith Relations

