

September 2024



Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We just finished a marathon on bread in worship. Many long weeks on how Jesus fed thousands, how He tried to teach the masses, then His closer disciples, what it was to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood. A hard lesson for those 2,000 plus years ago and still difficult for us now in the 21st century. Christ came to feed the world, both

worldly and spiritually. As He institutes our second sacrament, Holy Communion, He gives us access to God and helps fulfill His promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He also invites us to abide in Him, thus Him in us.

Christ invites us into the ministry of feeding. So I have asked you, in worship, to think about ways that we, as individuals and as LCIF, can feed the world. To bring those to worship so that we can have a list to see. This feeding will be all over the board and that is good, there is no wrong answer. Please remember that we are tasked with feeding spiritually as well as worldly.

In addition, I ask you this: how are you being fed today? How is it that you are getting what you need to keep your body healthy? What do you do to feed your spirit, your faith? What is it that you need? Far too often when we turn to feeding others, we neglect ourselves and I want to make sure that we are attending

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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

Music Ministry: Sun Coe, Lynn Banfi, Jeff Brandt, Katherine Frantsen

Administrative Assistant: Emily DiPetrillo

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AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



* Received draft records retention policy and counter procedures to fulfill recommendations from Financial Review.

* Received reports and updates.

* Financials will need to be updated to reflect the new fiscal year and then filed for audit.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 17 @ 7:00pm

God's work. Our hands.

We are making 100 School Kits on **Sunday, September 8** following worship! **Bring any final supplies:** spiral notebooks, pens (black or blue ink not gel), pencils (unsharpened), rulers (with centimeters), scissors (blunt tip only), erasers (pink pearl style), crayons (24 or 48 only), pencil sharpeners, or donation to buy bags.

Our many hands will do God's work quickly! Please plan to stay following Coffee Fellowship to help pack kits!

September 8, 2024

WORSHIP SERVERS

September 1

Labor Day Weekend

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott

Coffee Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini

Communion Server: Mike Meeker

Lector: GariLynn Hiscott

TMT: Renee Brandt

Usher: Jim Goris

September 8

God's Work, Our Hands

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini

Coffee Fellowship: Renee Brandt

Communion Server: Gavin Hall

Lector: Chris Craney

TMT: Jim Goris

Usher: David Haxton

September 15

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt

Coffee Fellowship: Chris & Kathy Murphy

Communion Server: Kathy Murphy

Lector: Jane McMahon

TMT: Greg & GariLynn Hiscott

Usher: Chris Murphy

September 22

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy

Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody

Communion Server: Chris Craney

Lector: Liz Craney

TMT: Renee Brandt

Usher: Gavin Hall

September 29

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt

Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy

Communion Server: Craig Gropper

Lector: Ellen Harrington

TMT: Cathy Hall

Usher: Liz Craney

WORSHIPPING ONLINE WITH LCIF



One of the "silver linings" of the COVID pandemic was that LCIF developed the capability to offer live and recorded online worship each Sunday. This became apparent to me as Marcy and I spent the last two months at our lakeside cottage in a very remote location in the upper peninsula of Michigan, some 2,600 miles from our church home. Each Sunday, I could break out the iPad, sit on the porch, and connect with our church family in worship through the online link that Emily sent out.

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MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA SPEAKER AT LCIF



Luther Rickerts of **Mental Health America of Los Angeles**, spoke to the congregation in July on the core services the organization provides to the poor and homeless populations of our greater L.A. area. **Mental Health America** started as a national program in 1912 to advocate for those involved in the mental health system. *(continued on back page)*

2024 Wednesday Nights!

T.O.W.N.



September 11
Prayer Vigil for Peace
LCIF Sanctuary



September 18
September 25
OT Bible Study
LCIF Conference Room

T.O.W.N. Together On Wednesday Nights is perfect for friends, visiting family, neighbors!
FOR ALL AGES



Please RSVP to help with planning
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ANTHEM CHORALE RETURNS FOR FALL!

The 2024/2025 season for LCIF's Anthem Chorale will begin on Sunday, Sept 22. We're very grateful for the wonderful job that the Summer Choir did under Sun's excellent leadership. All are welcome to join; no experience required, just a desire to worship through song. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:15am for the song we'll be presenting that day. We rehearse at 11:30am for the songs we will be singing in the future. Please consider joining us, we have a lot of fun and fellowship as we support each other.

FAITH AND REASON DISCUSSION GROUP RESUMES ON SEPT. 9 AT 11:00AM!

C.S. Lewis has been called "the most original Christian thinker of [his] century" Yet some argue that Lewis' success has been due only to "his effective rhetorical style" and not to "valid... logical arguments." **Come join us at LCIF to examine and discuss the book "C.S. Lewis And The Search For Rational Religion"** by the late John Beversluis. Class notes will be provided just in case you haven't read all of Lewis' books -- or all the philosophers.

LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Monday, September 16 at 1:00 pm** in the Conference Room. This month's book is Table for Two by Amor Towles. All are welcome to join us!

LCIF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH "HANG OUTS"



High school youth are invited to come hang out with Pastor in the Youth Room. We can play games, eat snacks, play music, and just hang out with each other.

The is a time for you to just be you! We'll meet at **6pm on Sunday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 22**. Invite a friend or two!

All-Church Work Day!

Saturday, October 5, 8:00am - 12pm

Lunch will be provided!



Sunday, Sept 22: Planning Session after worship

NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS



Thinking about membership at LCIF? Want to learn more about who we are and the Lutheran traditions? Come to the New Member gatherings on **September 15 & 22nd** after worship, we would love to have you join! Contact the office if you are interested or just show up.



Come learn more about this exciting journey!

"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"

**Informational Meeting
Tues. Sept 24 at 7pm
Conference Rm.**

May 12 - 23, 2025

SEPT. BIRTHDAYS

Evan Hartney - Sept. 2
Kathy Murphy - Sept. 3
Samantha Coleman - Sept. 10
Marge Buck - Sept. 23

SEPT. ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Diana Brown - Sept. 15
Janet & Kirk Cassidy - Sept. 20
GariLynn & Greg Hiscott - Sept. 27

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

Sunday at 9:15am and 11:30am

Book Club

3rd Monday of the month
1pm in the conference room

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to that as well. It is hard to feed others if we are running on empty. If you would like to talk, need a shoulder, need a meal, my office is open, my phone is on and my email always seems to find me.

I look forward to your ideas of how we can feed individuals, LCIF, La Cañada Flintridge, the world and Blessings, Pastor Rick

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA SPEAKER

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The Los Angeles branch, which our congregation has supported with a grant from our endowment fund, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in attempting to meet the needs of its members through our housing services, psychiatric and group therapy sessions, substance abuse interventions, and more.

The agency also provides opportunities for members to work with the catering services through involvement with its own enterprise, the Village Cookie Shoppe. In 2023 alone, the agency served over 19,000 members, providing meals and medical services, as well as assisting some 2,200 of its members in obtaining housing.

We are very blessed to support agencies such as MHALA that are living out Jesus' admonition that we serve the "least of these" in our community. - Jeff Brandt



SUMMER FUN FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS WERE A BLAST!

Thank you to everyone who hosted an event or came out to join us - they were wonderful gatherings! And a big THANK YOU to Renee and Jeff Brandt for organizing all the events.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN!

Congrats to all the students, teachers, and staff returning back to school in August and September!

In the photo, **Malcolm** and **Malia Legerton** pose for a photo on their first day of school. God's Blessings to everyone in the 2024/2025 school year!



WORSHIPPING ONLINE

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I was amazed how our incredible Tech Ministry Team has perfected the experience and I felt as if I were in the sanctuary with all of you. I was also very impressed and blown away by the excellent, passionate, and inspiring job done by the people who have helped lead the worship and the music this summer while I was away; Pastor Rick, Sun, Jeff, Lynn, GariLynn, Don, Yvonne, Janice, Ellen, the summer choir, our wonderful lectors, ushers, tech team, and many others. Please take a moment to thank each of them when you see them on Sunday. We are so blessed to have such an awesome church family! Can't wait to be back with you guys in person soon! Tell your friends and family to check us out as well! We can spread and share our ministry. - Mark Anzelon