

October 2024



Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Good day followers of the Way,

As I continue to pray through your fears and hopes, shared during the sermon on 9/15, I am struck by the depth and breadth of your hope and fears. As we walk this life together, it's important that we can be real, genuine, and authentic. This exercise shows me we are well on our way to that.

Being able to share these things that scare us and also the ones that give us purpose is sometimes hard to do and I thank you for participating.

Many of the fears we have are based on the unknown and we play the "what if" game in our heads. These unknowns are often out of our control, and we still spend a lot of time worrying about them. I pray that your fears will be lessened as your relationship with the Trinity grows stronger and you experience peace.

If fear is of the unknown, remember that Faith is hope in the unknown and unseen. We place our faith in God and trust that He will handle it. Let's concentrate on our faith over our fears, let's let our thoughts and actions be for the Kingdom of God, let's let others see us rejoicing in the abundance that God is providing, instead of the scarcity that society tells us is all around us.

There is not enough time, money, food ...

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MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear LCIF members and friends:

I would like to provide you with a brief update regarding the expenses incurred for recent repairs to the Tondolea property (LCIF's parsonage), where Pastor Hall and his family reside.

As you know, the property was in a state of significant need when we began this project as it has been a rental unit for more than 25 years. To date, we have incurred a total expense of \$34,436.16, which covers various necessary repairs (this includes the final payment of \$6,566.67 for A/C which will post in September), including:

- * Maintenance and general repairs (\$384.46)
- * Appliances (fridge, washer, dryer), ceiling fans, fixtures (toilet, faucets) (\$4,051.70)
- * A/C replacement (\$19,700)
- * Plumbing pipe replacement (\$10,300)

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ALL HANDS ON DECK!



We need your help to take care of LCIF! We'll gather together from **8am- 12pm on Saturday, October 5** (but you do not need to stay the entire time to be of help). **Lunch will be provided!**

Please wear work clothes and bring work gloves if you have some. There are all types of jobs to be done - so all are welcome. **RSVP to the church office** at 818.790.1951.

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, Katherine Frantsen

Administrative Assistant: Emily DiPetrillo

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WORSHIP SERVERS

October 6

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Coffee Fellowship: The Dillard's
Communion Server: Chris Craney
Lector: Janice Schettini
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher: Jim Goris

October 13

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody
Communion Server:
Jane McMahan
Lector: Denise Johnson
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher: Gavin Hall

October 20

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Coffee Fellowship: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Liz Craney
Lector: Kathy Murphy
TMT: Cathy Hall
Usher: Chris Craney

October 27

Reformation and Trunk or Treat

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Lector: Lynn Banfi
TMT: GariLynn and Greg Hiscott
Usher: Roger Schulke



SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



- * Adopted Policy for Records Retention
- * Referred Policy for Credit/Debit Card to Finance Team for review and input
- * Consensus to file Money Counting Procedures
- * Considered Succession Planning to fill positions on Council/Teams. Will continue to have this on monthly agendas
- * Expressed interest in having brass from CVHS at Reformation
- * Set Trunk or Treat as 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM on **Sunday, Oct. 27**
- * Accepted offer from La Canada Korean Church to be their guests for lunch on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**
- * Approved minutes from July 16, 2024 meeting
- * Received reports * **Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 22 @ 7 PM**

CONGRATULATIONS TO REAGAN CAHILL!



On July 7, Pastor Rick presided over the first communion of **Reagan Cahill**.

LCIF wishes Reagan a lifetime of blessings in celebration of this important step in her faith journey.

LCIF OPERATIONS TEAM



The Operations Team has been busy taking care of our properties and has identified some issues that will need to be addressed.

Stay tuned for information in the weeks to come as we obtain bids, prioritize projects, and suggest funding sources.

LCIF'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Each month in our newsletter, there is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary. For October, this flower represents the beauty and and innocence of childhood.

In New Testament times, children were not important. The disciples thought Jesus was too busy for children. When a group of mothers brought children to Jesus for his blessing, the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus' response was, "Let the children come unto me, don't keep them away – the kingdom of heaven is made of such as these." There is a place for everyone in Jesus' concerns and home. Listen to the Gospel on October 6 for this encounter.



LCIF TEAMS Meeting Dates

Ministry: Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 5:00pm
Finance: Thursday, Oct. 10 at 4:00pm
Council: Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7:00pm

T.O.W.N. BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Rick will be leading an Old Testament Study on **Wednesday, Oct. 9** and **Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 7pm** in the Conference Room or **via Zoom** (Meeting ID 84691566816, Passcode 1951)

No need to RSVP, just show up and join us in learning and fellowship.

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. This is a time for you to just be you! We'll meet at **6pm on Sunday, Oct. 13 and Sunday, Oct. 27**. Invite a friend or two!

WIDOWS SUPPORT GROUP



You are invited to join us for a potluck meal to find support! **Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, Oct. 15** at 12pm. We'll be meeting at Ellen's home. Contact Yvonne or the church office for details.

LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Monday, October 21** at in the Conference Room. This month's book is How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin. For November 18, the book is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

GET READY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!



We are making plans for our Annual “Trunk or Treat” event on **Sunday, Oct. 27** and we need your help!

Volunteers are needed to provide decorated trunks and donations of funds or candy are greatly appreciated. We also need everyone to spread the word. Contact Emily at the church office if you can help!

**Save the Date –
Wednesday November 27!**

**Thanksgiving Eve
Service and Pie Social
at LCIF**



with members of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Roger Schulke - Oct. 4
Don Carp - Oct. 12
Maggie and Mona Dillard - Oct. 16
Copper Hall - Oct. 23
Amber Hall - Oct. 27
Greg Hiscott - Oct. 27

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Michell Gropper - Oct. 5
Chris & Christie Clarkson - Oct. 12
Colin & Sarah Legerton - Oct. 17
Pat & Kristine Hartney - Oct. 20

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

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER (continued from page 1)

We are in the process of applying for rebates on the heat pump from SCE which could be substantial (\$1,000-2,000).

The funds to pay for these projects came from:

- * Current year's budget for maintenance and repairs at Tondolea
- * Tondolea Maintenance Reserve Fund
- * LCIF Memorial Funds (Property)

Last year, LCIF created a Tondolea Maintenance Reserve Fund and sets aside \$500 each month for large expenses. LCIF's Memorial Funds are allocated according to a formal created by the congregation which includes 10% Mission & Benevolence, 45% Property, 15% Music, 15% Programs, 10% Endowment, 5% Miscellaneous.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we ensure that the property is in proper living condition for Pastor Hall and his family. The property belongs to LCIF and all investments such as were undertaken this summer accrue benefits to the congregation.

- Betty Leighton, Treasurer

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ, look up and see the abundance that God has provided. Trees, animals, food, family, church, Love..... Indeed there is enough, look up and see that the Lord is Good. Then Look up and praise the one who made you, who protects you, who loves you. God has provided, now how are we responding? How are we spreading this abundance to others? How are we sharing the gifts, the abundance with others? In turn, helping others see that there is abundance and that the scarcity we realize in society now, CAN be overtaken and turned into Hope.

- Pastor Rick

Jesus says in John 10:10b, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."



PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

May 12 - 23, 2025

Coordinated by Pastors Rick Hall & Tim Singleton

"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"

A special tour package for a trip to Greece with a 3 night Mediterranean cruise! It will be a wonderful pilgrimage of ancient enchantment, Christian faith, spiritual inspiration, and a lot of great fun along the way ...opa!

- * Departs May 12, 2025 from LAX, returning to LAX on May 23, 2025
- * Estimated package price per person for double occupancy is \$4,498 with a check.
- * For single occupancy supplement (single hotel room and cruise cabin) add \$1,150.

Package price includes:

- * Round-trip USA to Greece airfare.
- * Deluxe air-conditioned bus throughout the entire trip.
- * Full board meals on cruise (breakfast/lunch/dinner).
- * Two shore excursions: Patmos (PAT-01) and Ephesus (KUS-02) and more!

For more details, visit www.lcifoothills.org or contact Pastor Rick at pastor@lcifoothills.org

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SURVEY!



Do you have any new or still usable medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchair, bed rails, etc? **LCIF is either gathering items to donate to the Convalescent Aid Society (CAS) or thinking of starting a cupboard for sharing.**

If you have items to donate or feel called to help lead this type of ministry, please talk to Renee. Items would need to be clean and usable (bathroom items such as bedside commodes, toilet safety rails, toilet risers, etc must be thoroughly sanitized).

CAS is interested in bath chairs, hospital beds, canes, crutches, bed rails, patient lifts, IV poles, over bed tables, exercise peddler, transfer boards, commodes, toilet safety rails, toilet risers, walkers, knee scooters, wheelchairs, and wheelchair ramps.