



Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Siblings in Christ,

We have spent a season of watching and waiting, anticipating the coming of the Christ child. What great Joy it is to celebrate on Christmas Eve with everyone as we experience Emmanuel, God with us.

The season of Epiphany is right around the corner. We transition from a time of waiting and anticipation, into a time of having epiphanies, or realizations of how/why things are as they are. As we enter this time we will begin with the story of Jesus' baptism, where God claims the Son, and end the season with Jesus' transfiguration, where God again claims Him. In between we begin to find out who Jesus is. It is a time that Christ is made known, revealed or manifested. It is a time of seeing who this Jesus guy is, and more than that, why he is. It is an exciting time in the church year as we get to know who our Savior is and the love that he has for each and every one of us.

This last year we focused on being people of **JOY, Jesus First, Others Second, Ourselves last**. Thank you for all your joyful moments shared. This year I would like us to have our eyes open for **Yay God moments**. Those times when your heart says, "**Yay God!**" Maybe you see an act of kindness, maybe you get good news, perhaps it is in someone's smile, the possibilities are

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NEW TRASH PROGRAM BEGINS

As of January first there are new laws in place regulating our garbage and recycling services. Many of you may have noticed that our big dumpster is gone and has been replaced by a **new smaller dumpster** with an addition of a **blue recycling bin** and a **green bin**.

These changes are in line with the new laws. Most of you may already have this process at your homes. The **green bin** is for yard waste and food waste. This includes leaves, brush, grass clippings and the like. The food waste is to be collected in the kitchen and put in with the yard waste. No leaves etc are to be placed in the **new dumpster**. If there is additional yard waste there are circular trash cans to put the extra in and we will have to transfer that to the **green bin** when room is available.

For the **blue bin** that is the recycling, paper, plastics, aluminum etc. We continue to have **blue trash**

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STEWARDSHIP AT LCIF



Thank you all for your continued faithfulness and support of LCIF in 2024. As we end the year, please be encouraged to continue your generous support and remember LCIF in your end of year planning.

While the fiscal year changed for us this year, the giving statements will be generated based on the calendar year, so look for them in your box by the end of January. Christmas Blessing to you and yours!

January 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
Music Ministry:
Katherine Frantsen
Administrative Assistant:
Emily DiPetrillo

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WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, January 5

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt

Coffee Fellowship: Caryl Pettit

Communion Server: Chris Craney

Lector: Colin Legerton

TMT: Jim Goris

Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of Our Lord

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott

Coffee Fellowship:

New Year's Potluck (Renee Brandt)

Communion Server: Joe Johnson

Lector: Jane McMahon

TMT: Cathy Hall

Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Sunday, January 19

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini

Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody

Communion Server: Kathy Murphy

Lector: Janice Schettini

TMT: Renee Brandt

Usher/Greeter: Chris Murphy

Sunday, January 26

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild: Caryl Pettit

Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy

Communion Server: Gavin Hall

Lector: Ellen Harrington

TMT: Max Hall & Greg & GariLynn

Hiscott

Usher/Greeter: David Haxton



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK (contd. from page 1)

endless. We will be sharing some of these in worship and lifting up where we see God and how God is working in our lives and our community. The Kingdom of Heaven is here, Yay God!

Christmas and Epiphany Blessing to you all,
Pastor Rick

UPDATE ON GRANT HAXTON



LCIF's Grant Haxton has been in the Army a little over five years now. His dad, David, reports "he was promoted to captain in January, then in March he left both the 82nd Airborne Division and the infantry branch and moved to Arizona for eight months of training in his new branch, military intelligence. Those eight months were at Fort Huachuca (Wachuca), south of Tuscon and close to the Mexican border, living in an off-post apartment. Now, Grant will be moving to his next duty station, Fort Drum in upstate New York, north of Syracuse and close to the Canadian border. There he will be in the 10th Mountain Division as the intelligence advisor (S2) to an infantry battalion commander."

Grant published in a military journal about leadership this article (summary and link):

In August 2021, I deployed to Kabul with the 82nd Airborne Division as the leader of a rifle platoon. I was fresh out of Ranger School and had yet to meet all of my platoon when we received the no-notice activation to reinforce security at Kabul's airport and aid in the evacuation of Americans, other expatriates, and certain Afghans before the August 31 deadline to be out of the country. With the U.S. exit imminent, the weight of maintaining my platoon's morale became one of my biggest challenges. As tensions mounted, my noncommissioned officers and I had to draw on every ounce of our training—and their past deployments—to keep spirits high. This paper shares the strategies that worked best during those crucial, chaotic days.

<https://fromthegreennotebook.com/2024/11/25/maintaining-morale-in-afghanistans-final-days/>

NEW TRASH PROGRAM ...

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cans around the church property for recycling.

Finally, the rest of the trash will go in the **new dumpster**. This is for trash only, please do not put boxes, recycling or yard waste in this dumpster. There are fines that are associated with this law that will apply if we are not following the guidelines.

We will be posting more information on this around the church in the new year. Thank you for your attention to this, it is one more way we can Care for Creation.

LCIF Teams Meetings

Ministry: Thursday, Jan. 9 @ 5pm

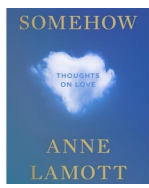
Finance: Thursday, Jan. 16 @ 4pm

Council: Tuesday, Jan. 21 @ 7pm

Operations: Thursday, Jan. 23 @ 5pm

Meetings are in the Conference Room
and everyone is invited to attend!

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB MEETINGS



Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Monday, Jan. 20 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. This month's book is Somehow: Thoughts on Love by Ann Lamott.

For February, the book is The Paris Novel by Ruth Reichl, and we'll meet on Monday, Feb. 17 at 1:00pm.

2025 Wednesday Nights!

T.O.W.N.
Together On Wednesday Night




Epiphany! Food, Crafts, Special Guests! We're learning about Stars, Telescopes and the Universe
Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 5
@ 7pm

OT Bible Study
Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 19, Feb 26
@ 7pm
In person AND Zoom
Beginners are welcome!

Please RSVP to help with planning
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New Year's Potluck!
January 12
Bring a food to
welcome the New Year!

CHURCH FAMILY TOGETHER!



and Greg, Jeff, Chris and Kathy.

Together on Wednesday Nights (T.O.W.N.) traveled to the Winter Concert of the Pasadena Chorale to hear our own GariLynn during "The Light of Hope Returning

(L-R) Renee, Cathy and Pastor Rick, GariLynn

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Ty Fleming - Jan. 14
- Hannah Hiscott - Jan. 15
- Bobbie Harmon - Jan. 16
- Susan Fleming - Jan. 20
- Christie Clarkson - Jan. 21
- Genevieve Johnson - Jan. 23
- Braden and Mason Hall - Jan. 27

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Chris & Liz Craney - Jan. 22

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
- Choir Rehearsals
Sundays at 9:15am and 11:30am

Book Club
Third Mondays of the month
1pm in the Conference Room

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



Dear LCIF:

Thank you for choosing to make a difference through LSS/SC. Your gift of \$3,869.01 is a lifeline for our neighbors who are struggling with homelessness, mental health, or putting food on the table. You make it possible for us to provide a warm meal, emergency shelter, clothes, counseling and other services, and most importantly hope.

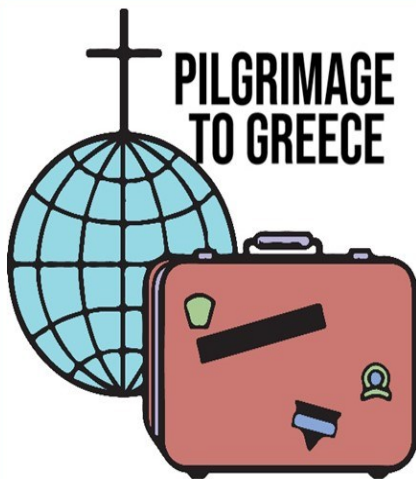
With sincere gratitude,
Dr. LaShonda Beckwith

“LIVING LUTHERAN” RETURNS IN 2025!

Living
Lutheran

Living Lutheran, the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), returns to mailboxes in 2025! There will be four issues per year (spring, summer, winter, and fall). LCIF will resume our congregation group subscription (\$17/address). If you do not wish to receive the magazine, please let the office know.

The magazine reports that: "Last year, Living Lutheran ceased as a print publication and continued as a digital-only service because of financial constraints. Running a monthly publication grew too expensive during a time of consolidated resources and shrinking readership. Since then, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and staff have heard from many of you who have shared concerns about members who don't have access to computers or don't read content online for various reasons. As a result, people have felt disconnected from the ELCA." The Bishop and staff have found a way to bring back the magazine's print publication. Look forward to sharing in the news and ministry of the wider church beginning in 2025.



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**