

# Lutheran Church in the Foothills

*Living in God's Amazing Grace*

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



People of the Resurrection,

Christ is Risen! What a celebration it was on Easter Sunday to lift praises to God and all he has done through Jesus for us. Over 100 people came together to worship and give thanks to God for the grace he extends us. Truly, God is Good! All the Time! and All the Time, God is God!

There was certainly **New Life** in the petting of bunnies, egg hunt, breakfast and worship. As members, friends, and guests joined together in fun and fellowship. It was awesome to have so many young people with us, plenty of energy, laughter and **New Life**.

This past Sunday we held a Commitment Sunday in which we asked you to prayerfully consider what God has given to you and make a **New Commitment** as to what you plan to contribute to LCIF over the next year. We are grateful to all who participated and brought your card to worship or sent it to the office. It is not too late to turn your card into the office. Thank you also to those who give but are not comfortable with the commitment cards.

I must emphasize that these commitments are not between you and the church, rather it is your commitment and relationship with God. **New Growth** of relationships, faith, love, service and hope happen when we are open to "letting go and letting God", to

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May 2025



## 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

## LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS

1700 Foothill Blvd.  
La Cañada Flintridge

Sunday Service at 10am

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Monday, 9am to 1pm

Tues - Thursday, by appointment



NEW Life  
NEW Growth  
NEW Commitment



## New Life Workshop - May 4

11:15am following Worship - Fellowship Hall

**Come and discuss your ideas for  
New Life at LCIF and  
share budget priorities or concerns**

As we are quickly approaching June 1 and our Annual Meeting and Potluck, there will be a **New Life Workshop** on **May 4th** during fellowship hour. We will be talking about the **New's** at LCIF. This includes ideas you may have for current or new ministries, goals for the church, as well as input on the upcoming budget. What are priorities for spending, what areas can be reduced, what areas need more. **Please plan to attend, we need and covet your input!**

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Sunday, May 4**

Third Sunday of Easter  
Altar Guild: Janice Schettini  
Coffee Fellowship: Mary Lighthart and Renee Brandt  
Communion Server: Mike Meeker  
Lector: GariLynn Hiscott  
TMT: Jim Goris  
Usher/Greeter: Gavin Hall

**Sunday, May 11**

Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mothers Day  
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt  
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy  
Communion Server: Jane McMahon  
Lector: Jane McMahon  
TMT: Renee Brandt  
Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

**Sunday, May 18**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott  
Coffee Fellowship:  
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt  
Lector: Craig Gropper  
TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott  
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

**Sunday, May 25**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy  
Coffee Fellowship: Yvonne Baldin and Janice Schettini  
Communion Server: Joe Johnson  
Lector: Denise Johnson  
TMT: Max Hall  
Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke



**LCIF's Annual Meeting and Potluck**  
**Sunday, June 1 at 11:15am (after worship)**



**Elections, Budget,  
Reports, and Discussion**

**Bring a dish to share and join us in the Fellowship Hall**

**GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK** *(contd. from page 1)*

stretching ourselves a little bit. When we trust in his ability to provide for and grow within us, there are no boundaries or limits to what we can do together.

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Rick

P.S.—Speaking of **New Commitments**, the commitments made help the leadership of the church plan for **New Life, New Growth and New Commitments** for the 25/26 fiscal year. Through your gifts of time, talents and treasures LCIF will plan for the future and live into the mission and ministry that God has planned for us in this place and in the world. We are coming up to our annual meeting on June 1st and we are in need of new council members to fill 3 seats this year. You need not have any experience in serving before, just an open mind and maybe some ideas. Please prayerfully consider if God is nudging or pushing you into leadership here at LCIF. Maybe council seems too much at this time, you can always be on a Team. There are many that meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at 818.790.1951.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS STARTING JUNE 2!**



Starting on Monday, June 2 the Church Office will be open **Monday–Thursday, from 9am to 1pm**. As always, you can leave a voicemail at 818.790.1951 or email [office@lcifoothills.org](mailto:office@lcifoothills.org) when the office is closed. The 4-day work week is being tried to reduce utility costs.

**TEAM MEETINGS IN MAY**



**Church Council & Finance:** Tues. May 6 at 7:00pm  
**Generosity:** Thursday, May 15 at 1:30pm  
Meetings are in the Conference Room and all are welcome.  
**Please note different dates for Council and Finance Meeting in May due to the Pilgrimage to Greece.**

ELCA’S NEW WAY TO HELP EXPLORE FAITH!



Finding a faith community can be a personal and sometimes complex journey. That's why the ELCA is excited to introduce their new "Get Connected" tool - **ExploreFaith** - at [www.explorefaith.church](http://www.explorefaith.church).

The Exploring Faith site is designed to connect people who are unfamiliar with the ELCA or new to their area with affirming Lutheran communities that are ready to support them as they discern their faith.

Whether you're exploring faith for the first time or seeking a community with which you resonate, our Get Connected tool makes it easier to discover how you can grow in devotion. From wetting your feet to treading water, **Explore Faith** has many ways for you to dive deeper ... so check out [www.explorefaith.church](http://www.explorefaith.church)!

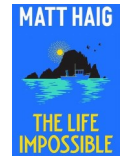
WOMEN GATHER FOR FAITH AND ACTION



Ever wonder what happens at Gather? A great group of women gather around the table to share, study and pray together. We use *Gather* magazine a publication of Women of the ELCA. Copies of the magazine are available during our times and back issues that you can take home are in the narthex.

We are glad to have all women join us and we're cordial to any men who are interested. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 1:00pm!

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB MEETINGS



Our meeting will be on **Monday, May 19 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room to discuss *The Life Impossible* by Marie Benedict. The book for June is *Before We Forget Kindness* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi and we'll meet on Monday, June 23.

REMINDER: PASTOR IS HEADING TO GREECE!



Pastor Rick, along with several LCIF members and friends, will be joining Pastor Tim and his group from Mt. Olive on the "Pilgrimage to Greece" adventure! **Pastor will be gone from May 12–May 24.** Please contact the office in his absence.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Diane Johnson - May 4
- Susan Nakaoki - May 7
- Mackenzie Davis - May 9
- Rayne Cumberworth - May 11
- Marcy Anzelon - May 12
- Max Hall - May 16
- Mallory Combellick - May 21
- Lisa Messineo (Jenkins) - May 21
- Ellen Harrington - May 22
- 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](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
- Choir Rehearsals  
Sundays at 9:15am and 11:30am
- Book Club  
Third Monday 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



Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, May 3rd 10AM - 12 NOON

1830 Foothill Blvd., La Canada

• 72 Hour Kits

• Fire & Earthquake Preparedness

• Food Storage

• First Aid

• Water Storage

• Alternative Fuels

• Emergency Communications

• Financial Safety

• CERT officers

• Firefighters

• Montrose Search & Rescue

Hosted by the La Canada 1st & 2nd Wards of  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

LA CAÑADA AREA

INTERFAITH  
BACCALAUREATE  
SERVICE

for all 2025 graduating seniors,  
their families, and the community

program includes: student testimonials from each congregation  
with a reception following

Monday June 2, 2025 | 7:00pm

St. Bede The Venerable Church Sanctuary

215 Foothill Blvd., La Canada, CA 91011

Keynote Speaker

Wendy Sinnette | LCUSD Superintendent

Educator • District Leader • Student Advocate

all graduates to arrive by 6:30pm wearing cap and gown  
for questions, please call Christie Frandsen at 818-209-9821

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NOW

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MAKE  
POLLUTERS  
PAY  
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JOIN AN INTERFAITH RALLY DEMANDING POLLUTERS  
PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE FOR CLIMATE DESTRUCTION!

Sunday, May 4th | 2-4pm

Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church

185 W Altadena Dr, Altadena, CA 91001

RSVP AT:  
MOBILIZE.US/FWW/EVENT/778035

A DEMONSTRATION OF COMMON CAUSE BY:

IT'S TIME FOR  
DODGER  
BASEBALL

Lutheran & Episcopal Night  
at  
Dodger Stadium  
Friday  
August 29, 2025

Save  
the  
Date

LCIF’S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Each month in our newsletter, there is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary. For May, this window represents the Catch of Fish - John 21:1-19

What was Jesus like after His resurrection? A spirit? A body? He was both. The disciples recognized Jesus after His resurrection—their only difficulty was believing what they actually saw. The disciples lived with the risen Jesus for 40 days. They walked with Him, slept near Him, and ate with Him. He even prepared a breakfast for them by cooking fish. There was never a doubt that this was Jesus.

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