



Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR RICK



Lenten People,
 Jesus is well on his way to the Cross. We will see that in just a short few weeks. In the meantime, we get to enter into his ministry as he heals, casts out demons, teaches and prepares his disciples for what must come. While this is a message that many do not quite comprehend at the time, it is still necessary for them to hear. The disciples are hard at work alongside Jesus. Jesus is focused on Jerusalem and getting there to accomplish what he was sent for. He also knows that he must be an example for those he is teaching and those that are witnessing what is happening. Jesus knows that by loving the least of them, he is living out the love that he wants to pass along.

If I am honest, and I am one of those following along, even a disciple, I probably do not understand all that is happening. If this is the Messiah, the one sent to save and free everyone, how can he do it as a carpenter's son? How can he heal and have the authority he does? Yes, I have seen his mighty deeds and the love and compassion he has for others, but isn't the savior of the world supposed to be powerful and rich? Should he not come from better lines? It would be confusing.

As a follower of the Way some 2,000 years later, do we not face the same questions? When was the last time your God spoke to you? Who is this Jesus character? How do you know Jesus is the one sent to save? How can you be sure? Show us a sign.

Lent is a season to think about all these questions and more. A time to see how Jesus works in and through God. A time to question and look for answers. Christ's journey to the cross is great and can be followed in the Gospels, each a little different, with similar but different views.

Lent is also a time to look at ourselves and how our faith is being lived out. How are we serving those with less? How are we

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April 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
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 Katherine Frantsen
 Administrative Assistant:
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Join us for Easter Sunday April 20th

9:00am: Bunny Petting Zoo,
 Breakfast, and Easter Egg Hunt
 10:00am: Worship Service

Holy Week Services:
 Palm Sunday - April 13 at 10am
 Maundy Thursday - April 17 at 7pm
 Good Friday - April 18 at 7pm

Invite Your Family and Friends!

WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, April 6

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Coffee Fellowship: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Mae Welter
Lector: Ellen Harrington
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
Coffee Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server and Lector:
Jane McMahon
TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday and First Communion

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Lector: Janice Schettini
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: TBD

Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm

Good Friday

Lector: Jane McMahon
TMT: Renee Brandt

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Easter Brunch
Communion Server: Gavin Hall
Lector: Renee Brandt
TMT: Max Hall
Usher/Greeter: Chris & Liz Craney

Sunday, April 27

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody
Communion Server: Joe Johnson
Lector: Chris Craney
TMT: Cathy Hall
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

All Are Welcome!



Palm Sunday–April 13

10:00am Worship
Gather at 9:45am in the courtyard for
procession with palms

Maundy Thursday - April 17

7 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 18

7pm Worship

Easter Sunday - April 20

A Family Celebration Where All are Welcome!
9am Brunch in Fellowship Hall / 10am Worship

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

reaching out to our neighbors and helping? Are we? Are we praying, reading the bible, in community with others?

I continue to pray for each of you as you watch Christ make his way to the Cross. May your Lent be filled with answers and Yay God moments.

While we are a small church we can make an impact in people's lives. I challenge you to invite 3-5 individuals/families to come to Easter with us at LCIF April 20th. I am not sure how this will take place, perhaps you say, "hey I would love for you to join me at church this Easter", then give them the information. Maybe you tell them there will be bunnies, an easter egg hunt, food and fellowship, in addition to worship. It could be someone you've invited millions of times or the lady you have a conversation with at the store. Perhaps that friend you haven't talked to in a while. Yes, it may feel uncomfortable, it only takes a few minutes. Maybe that person has been looking for an invitation, praying for guidance. We never know. If you feel led, listen.

Let's fill the church this Easter with neighbors, friends and family. With strangers and less fortunate, with saints and sinners. Who will join me?

Blessings, Pastor Rick

CHRIST THE SHEPHERD AND LCIF

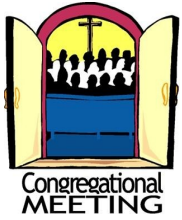


For several Sundays, **Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church** worshipped in our Fellowship Hall after the Eaton Fires made their church unusable.

Once their clean-up was complete, they worshipped with LCIF and enjoyed shared Fellowship. It was a blessing to have CTS on our campus in their time of need.



ANNUAL MEETING AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Save the date for **LCIF's Annual Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, June 1** after worship. All are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a summer dish to share!

To prepare for the discussion during the meeting, we are offering an **LCIF Budget Workshop on Sunday, May 4** during Fellowship.

JOIN US FOR SOUP SUPPERS!



Our Lenten Soup Suppers are continuing on Wednesday nights through April 9. Taking place in our Fellowship Hall, we begin with a delicious soup supper at 6:00pm and worship at 7:00pm. There's still time to join us!

LCIF WOMEN GATHER



This month, our GATHER meetings will be on **Monday, April 8 and April 22 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room.

TEAM MEETINGS IN APRIL



Ministry: Tuesday, April 8 at 5:00pm

Finance: Thursday, April 10 at 4:00pm

Church Council: Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00pm

Operations: Tuesday, April 29 at 5:00pm

Meetings are in the Conf. Room and all are welcome.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB MEETINGS



Our meeting will be on **Monday, April 21 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room to discuss Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict. The book for May is The Life Impossible by Matt Haig and we'll meet on Monday, May 19.

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY



* Allocated \$12,000 from Memorial Funds to repair sewer line to septic tank.

* Thanks to Andreas and Hirsch Accountancy for service and consider replacement options.

* Considered goals for 2025-2026 Budget.

* Annual Meeting is June 1, following worship.

* Received updates from staff plus program areas/work teams.

* **Next meeting is April 15 at 7:00pm.**



Bring your donations of canned or boxed food to LCIF!

Now until Easter Sunday for delivery to "Making It Happen, Inc."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pat Hartney - April 2

Ellie Baldwin - April 7

Michelle Gropper - April 8

Gavin Hall - April 14

Alex Ujfalusy - April 17

Cathy Hall - April 20

Colin Legerton - April 23

Renee Brandt - April 24

Daniel Kogut - April 27

Sadie Dillard - April 29

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

David Haxton & Lori Moody - April 13

Chris & Kathy Murphy - April 29

David & Janice Schettini - April 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

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

	February	Year-to-Date (July 1-Feb 28)
Income from Offerings	\$17,644	\$124,517
Income from Facility	\$3,718	\$32,881
Total Income	\$22,415	\$168,892
Expenses	\$23,539	\$205,508
Deficit	-\$1,124	-\$36,616

LCIF'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Each month in our newsletter, there is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary. For April, this window represents the Empty Tomb - John 30:4

This window is a picture of a new day. The sun is rising. Its bright rays reveal a 'burst' tomb. It's the third day after the crucifixion - the tomb could not contain the Savior Jesus.

In the resurrection of Jesus, God revealed for the first time the power of the new life He gives. It could not be crushed by what people called death. Jesus, in resurrection, pushed back the physical restraints that hold people captive. Death could not hold Jesus

UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION FOR A RENEWED LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) sent a draft of its final report to the Conference of Bishops and the Executive Committee of the Church Council for consultation in mid-February. The CRLC is also creating educational materials and information to prepare the wider church to receive its full report in advance of the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

Since starting their work in July 2023, the members of the CRLC have met 11 times, and they plan to meet once more in March.

Read about the the commission's progress through their meeting notes which are available at www.elca.org or via a link on our website: www.lcifoothills.org.

SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY



A big thank you to **Michelle** and **Craig Gropper** who have volunteered to attend the 2025 Southwest California Synod Assembly! They will join Pastor Rick at the conference that takes place in Burbank on May 30 and 31.

With the theme of "Being Lutheran in Southern California", the gathering is described as "two days of celebrating the ministries of our synod, renewing friendships, and learning much about how to be the church in Southern California."

Save the Date!

IT'S TIME FOR DODGER BASEBALL

Lutheran & Episcopal Night
at
Dodger Stadium

Friday
August 29, 2025

Dodgers