

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

LCIF'S COUNCIL CORNER - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"The light shines in the darkness..." John 1:5

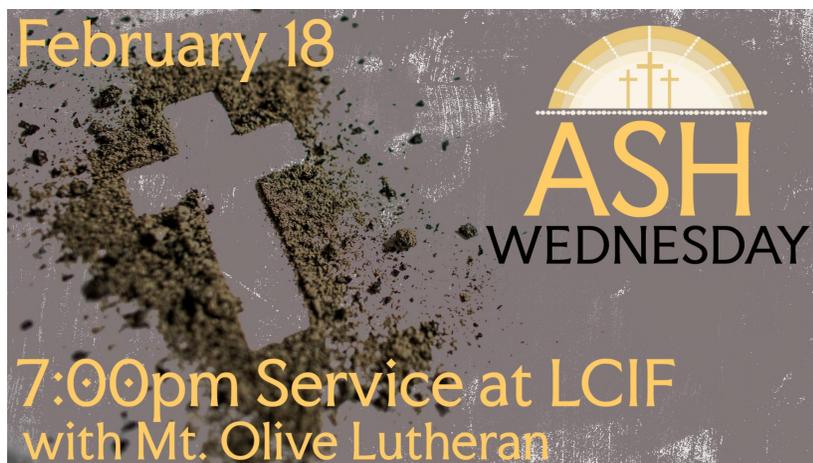
January, containing the Sundays of Christmas and Epiphany, represents the month when the Christian church emphasizes the light of Christ coming into our world. As we notice the days slowly starting to lengthen - and as we move toward Lent - we can imagine putting dark days behind us (perhaps the effects of last year's fires, or the change in pastoral leadership we experienced unexpectedly in the middle of last year) and look to the brighter promise of the future. Issues, injustices, anxieties still surround us, but "the darkness does not overcome [the light]" that Christ brings.

In the coming year, our church council notes several areas we can look forward to. Our **Call Committee** has completed significant work in preparing the **Ministry Site Profile (MSP)** that will function as the key document in recruiting our next pastor. The MSP contains a snapshot of how we characterize our own congregation at present, that is, our membership, our programs, our outreach, and our desires for our next rostered leader. The Council has recently approved the MSP for the call process, in which we have left open the option for either a full- or part-time pastor; and someone within the range of a new seminary graduate to a veteran pastor, to fill our needs. Continue to pray for this committee and its work.

Our **Mission and Ministry Team** will be inviting the congregation of **Mount Olive** to join us for a **joint service on Ash Wednesday**, February 18th, and plans to continue our tradition of holding Soup Suppers and worship on Wednesday nights during Lent. Plan to be part of these special services to be led by **Viv Vega**, with Lenten materials that will be new to our congregation. Very exciting! Sign up with Yvonne or Janice to prepare or help with the suppers.

The **Budget Box** score on page 2 shows that our giving remains consistent and even slightly above the budget the congregation approved last June. But note also that our largest expense, namely compensating a full-time pastor, has been absent for the past six months. So, our commitment to consistent stewardship remains especially important as we enter the new year as pastoral candidates will be reassured if they see financial health.

Looking forward with much hope,
Jeffrey Brandt, for the Congregation Council



February 2026



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

Presiding Minister: Viv Vega
Pastoral Care: Tim Singleton
Ministers: All People of LCIF
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
Office hours: 9am - 1pm, M-Th
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WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
 Communion Server: Chris Craney
 Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
 Lector: Chris Craney
 TMT: Jim Goris
 Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
 Communion Server: Lynn Banfi
 Fellowship: Sarah Legerton
 Lector: Denise Johnson
 TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
 Usher/Greeter: Joe Johnson

Sunday, February 15

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
 Communion Server: Mike Meeker
 Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini
 Lector: Yvonne Baldwin
 TMT: Renee Brandt
 Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday - 7pm Service

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
 Communion Server: Janice Schettini
 Lector: Janice Schettini
 TMT: Renee Brandt
 Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
 Communion Server: Gavin Hall
 Fellowship: Lori Moody
 Lector: Jane McMahon
 TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
 Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke

OFFERINGS AND BUDGET BOX SCORE

January 2026

Budget Box Score (end of 2nd quarter)

November Offerings	Offerings thru 11/30	Budget Deficit
\$22,462	\$81,997	November expenses: \$20,114 November income: \$27,129
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$75,416	This month: +\$7,015 Year to Date: <\$5,286>
+\$7,379	+\$6,580	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$16,244 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$10,958
December Offerings	Offerings thru 12/31/25	Budget Deficit
\$14,223	\$104,345	December expenses: \$25,899 December income: \$19,266
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$90,500	This month: <\$6,633> Year to Date: <-\$1,509>
<\$860>	+\$13,845	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$19,492 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$17,983

LCIF CALL COMMITTEE NEWS



The Call Committee has been working on updating the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) document. This document is an important first step to publishing a call to the Synod and to the public outside of our church membership. The committee met on January 7th (via Zoom) to compile our edits into a draft document. That document has now been sent to the Church Council for approval before being released.

The call committee is looking forward to the next step after the Synod receives the council approved MSP document.

-submitted by Greg Hiscott, Chair

OFFICE CLOSURES THIS MONTH



The LCIF Office will be closed on Thursday, Feb. 12, Monday, Feb. 16 and Tuesday, Feb. 17.



American Red Cross | Heroes Saving Lives

Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.



Blood Drive at LCIF
Thursday, Feb. 26, 10am – 4pm
redcrossblood.org First-timers WELCOME!

Sign Up Today!

TEAM MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



Finance: Monday, Feb. 16 at 5:00pm
Operations: Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5:00pm
Church Council: Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00pm
 Meetings are in the Conference Room and all are welcome!

MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST



Our next gathering will be on **Thursday, Feb. 5 at 9:00am**. We meet at the La Cañada McDonald's - you can get your food and join us for food, fellowship, and sharing prayer together. No RSVP needed!

WOMEN'S GATHER MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



Women's GATHER Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday Feb. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. No RSVP is needed!



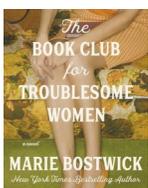
VALENTINE'S CONCERT AND FELLOWSHIP



Please join us on **Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7:00pm** as we celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with a concert by our amazing pianist **Katherine Frantsen!** Katherine will present some of the incredible music from her repertoire of award-winning piano performances in the sanctuary, after which we'll adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for Valentine's Day refreshments and fellowship.



LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



Thinking about reading more in 2026? Then consider joining our book club! We'll meet on **Monday, Feb. 16 at 1:00pm** to discuss The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick. Next month, the book will be The Correspondent by Virginia Evans.

Wednesdays
 starting
 February 25



6:00pm Supper
 7:00pm Service

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Malcolm Legerton - Feb. 2
 Ron Jankowski - Feb. 4
 David Schettini - Feb. 18
 Mark Anzelon - Feb. 20
 Miles Haxton - Feb. 26
 Janice Schettini - Feb. 26

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Renee Brandt - Feb. 1
 34 years

PRAYER LIST

If you would like someone added to our the list, then please send their name and any other information to office@lcifoothills.org. The 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
 No experience needed!

Book Club
 Third Monday of the month
 1pm in the Fellowship Hall

Women Gather
 2nd/4th Tuesdays of the month
 1pm in the Conference Room

Knit Together
 Wednesdays
 1pm in the Conference room

Prayer Breakfast
 Third Thursday of the Month
 9am at the La Cañada McDonalds

Quilters
 Saturdays at 9am
 in the Quilting Room

LCIF'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Each month in our newsletter, there is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary along with an explanation. Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5-7

This symbol is for the name of Christ and a mountain. The CHI RHO is the abbreviation of the word "Christ". The Greek pronunciation of the name is "Christos". The sermon on the mount is outstanding because it was given by God's own chosen teacher. Many people hear this sermon even today and are impressed by its wise teachings. The disciples know not only the teachings but the "teacher". The disciples are the most fortunate.

- Renee Brandt

Mobile Lunch Pack

With Salem Glendale and Bethel Encino Lutheran Churches!

March 19-22 (Wed - Sun)
@ Salem (1211 N. Brand Bl)

Set-up * Meal Packing * Clean-up
Ages 5-105 welcome!

Visit give.fmssc.org/salem or
scan QR code to volunteer or donate



The goal is to raise \$40,000 and pack 132,192 meals for children experiencing hunger around the world.



Love one another.

1 JOHN 4:7



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and how our support is helping
those in need?
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