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please share it with family and neighbors.

Coming up...

June 5 - Day of Pentecost Worship &
Communion/Homecoming Potluck at Lindo Lake
Park, Lakeside at 9:45AM (No Adult/Children's
Sunday School. Classes resume June 12.)
June 11 – Mem.Svc: Maxine Elliott – 1:00PM
June 12 – Women's Friendship Tea at 2:00PM
June 18 – Water Day & Concert 1:30PM
June 19 – Father's Day
June 25- HELPS Center open 10AM-12PM
June 26 – Eat & Greet 12:15PM



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A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM



**When Bad
Things
Happen**

Back when my 4 kids were young, dinner preparations were always a juggling act. It meant that either my wife or I were in charge of making the dinner, while the other corralled the kids and encouraged them to help by getting carrots from the refrigerator, setting the table or picking up toys from around the house. It was always a little chaotic.

Usually, we had the television on and many times it meant that the local news was on air. On occasion that meant something bad happened in our world and was being reported. The initial reaction by my wife or me was to run and turn off the television or change the channel to a kid's program so our children wouldn't have to hear or see the bad event. That didn't always work and as they got older, questions got asked when bad things came across the television screen.

As I think of all that has transpired in our world the past month – a war in the Ukraine; a racially motivated shooting in Buffalo, NY; a politically motivated shooting at a church gathering in Orange County; a school

shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, TX – I wonder like so many of us what is going on? How do I respond to tragedies? What do I say when something bad happens in our world and kids want to know why? These are good question to ask. Why do bad things happen and why does God allow bad things to happen?

Well, God is always saddened when bad things happen. He doesn't like it when there is sickness and death or when countries fight against each other. In a war, people on both sides are hurt. Property is destroyed, cities and neighborhoods are broken and families are sometimes separated. It breaks God's heart when this happens.

God wants us to be kind, to forgive, and to return meanness with kindness. He doesn't want us to bully others or to fight to get our way. He wants us to love others and sometimes that means we give up what we want.

So we need to follow God's advice both in big-world events and when we are at home. Following God ways is always good. It may hurt doing things God's way. We may feel like we are begin taken advantage of but God's ways are always the right ways and they will always lead to peace, a peace that is ever lasting.

Know that I am praying for you, your family and for the conversations that you may be having.

FROM YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS

At their May 1st meeting, the Deacons received April and May Committee reports from the Treasurer, Congregational Care, Church & Community, Sanctuary and New Members. There have been no requests for financial assistance these past two months, several of the food gift cards were given out by the Office in March; April report wasn't available.

Thank you to the generous members of LCPC for their donations to the Deacon Fund to provide financial assistance to hurting members and the Lakeside Community. The green Deacon Fund envelopes are being replaced with surplus white giving envelopes stamped LCPC DEACON FUND and made available in the pew pockets or at the Greeter desk in the Narthex each Sunday.

The Deacons also thank and appreciate the volunteers and Committee members who serve coffee and provide refreshments each Sunday with smiles on their faces. They are the welcoming committee to first time visitors and repeat attenders. Thank you, and God bless you.

The work being done for the LCPC Connections Ministry continues. Pastor Tim encourages all LCPC Connectors to continue their gentle contact with their Circle of Care. Later in the year there will be a meeting scheduled for all Connectors to provide feedback on their experiences with their assigned members.

Deacons will next meet on June 12, before their summer break over July, and will return to meet on August 14, if there is pressing business.

Deacons care.



HAPPY JUNE!

There is so much going on in June. Many of the children will be leaving us for Kindergarten. It is bittersweet, but we are happy to see them move on to bigger things. We will miss them terribly. We will have a small Pre-K Graduation to celebrate this milestone for them.

This month we will celebrate Dads and grads. To honor our Dads we will have Donuts with Dads. Much like our muffins with Moms. This is a small way to let our Dads know they are appreciated.

Our summer session will begin Monday, June 20. Teachers have a lot of fun things planned for the summer.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Until next month,

Shawn Santo
Director
Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

- 8 - Krista Wisdom-Soto
- 9 - Carmen Bunch
Gene Farris
Joy Wray
- 16 - Suzy Halleland
- 23 - Marilyn Gilbert
- 27 - Ed Goshen
- 28 - William Warren

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 - Cliff & Corky Leary
- 9 - Jerry and Dee Opfer
- 12 - Mike & Liz Smith
- 16 - Gary & Wendy MacDonald

PRAYER GARDEN

Meet the Wonderful Team!

We would like to thank the El Capitan High School teachers and their students who have been working at many tasks around our church campus this year.

Our prayer garden was arranged by their gracious labor and dedication.

The garden is beautiful and welcoming.



Ms. Krista, Jesse, David, Josie, Ms. Katie.

The Spiritual Life Committee donated a pizza lunch for the team.

The memorial service for Maxine Elliott will be held in our sanctuary on
Saturday, June 11 at 1:00PM.
A reception will follow immediately after the service.

EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER

The HELPS Center is very low on men's clothing, especially men's pants. As always, any gently used clothing will be greatly appreciated. Please drop off items in the church office or at the HELPS Center during regular office hours.



CHURCH LIBRARY

The LCPC church library is located in Rooms 1-2. It is a self-service procedure. You may search the catalog online to shorten the time in finding what you're looking for. You may search by title, author, or category. The direct link is: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/LCPC-Library>

The check-out process is simple. Simply write down your name, the book or DVD title, and date checking out in the notebook on the top of a bookcase. Upon return, put the return date in the notebook and place the book in the adjacent basket.

This month, we'll look at the fiction section. This category includes some books for light summer reading. It includes books by Janette Oke, Jan Karon, Catherine Marshall, Michael Phillips, and B.J. Hoff. There are also copies of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" and John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress".

Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.
– Ray Bradbury



HOSPITAL STAYS

If you are going to be going to the hospital, or if you know of a member of our congregation who is hospitalized, please contact the church office and let us know.

The office sometimes receives notifications of someone having been hospitalized days or weeks after the fact.

We want to be in prayer for all of congregation prior, during and after visits or stays at the hospital. We also want to be able to help with meals, a visit, or to assist in any way that we can. We would rather hear a report several times than no report at all.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

This month our Mission spotlight is on the Ringenberg family (Dave, Linda and CJ) who serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Papua, Indonesia; and also on our Prayer Quilt Ministry.

The Ringenberg's (Dave, Linda, CJ. And Ryan) – MAF Papua, Indonesia

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is a family of organizations led by missionaries in 37 countries around the world who have a vision of taking Christ's love into the most remote places on earth. The Ringenberg's (Dave and Linda) have been serving with MAF since 1998, the majority of their time spent serving in Indonesia.



After time spent at MAF Headquarters when their young daughter Hannah went home to be with the Lord in 2003, and the birth of their son, Ryan, God opened the door again in 2011 for them to accept a full-time position in Papua Indonesia. Currently serving in Sentani, Papua, Dave is serving as the Director of Operations for Indonesia. Linda stays involved with her family and community, and particularly enjoys organizing a weekly Bible study for MAF ladies. Several times a year she puts together a publication for the

MAF Papua team highlighting stories from the past months about how they are Connecting, Caring and Cultivating in Papua. She is also currently working on a book about all that the Lord taught her through Hannah's illness.

C.J. is attending Liberty University in Virginia and Ryan is active in high school. Below is an excerpt from their April Newsletter highlighting the Outdoor Education Program in which Ryan took part:

Each year since 1990 the entire high school of Hillcrest School has headed interior for Outdoor Education (OE). These students and their chaperones spend 12 days in a remote location doing work projects for the village, organizing kids clubs, teaching about HIV/AIDS through skits, showing the Jesus Film and interacting with people in the village.

This year was Ryan's first OE experience. Ryan says, "It was fun and challenging. We worked a lot. Although it took me out of my comfort zone, it helped me focus on spiritual things." The work project this year was lengthening the airstrip. MAF is very limited in how much weight they can take out of this village, and adding on to the airstrip will help solve this problem. The students were able to join with the villagers in carting dirt and rocks to the new airstrip area. Your prayers and support enable trips like OE to happen. the work that God is doing here in Papua!

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Prayer Requests:

- Pray for two newer mission works in unreached areas
- Pray for the safety of our pilots, planes and our team here
- Pray for health for Dave and Linda’s parents
- Pray for CJ as he finishes his junior year at Liberty

Prayer Quilt Ministry

The LCPC Prayer Quilt Ministry (PQM) has been in existence since December of 2005. The purpose of the ministry and mission outreach is to promote prayer through the use of quilts, created by the loving hands of many within our church. To date this ministry has dedicated over 670 handmade prayer quilts for those in crisis.

From PQM: The Prayer Quilt Ministry group wants to express our gratitude to the congregation for your continued support. We are grateful that you continue to refer people in need of prayers that are willing to accept a Prayer Quilt. Many of our congregation are willing to take the time to say a prayer with the knot they tie in the Prayer Quilts being dedicated because you realize that this is meaningful outreach effort for our church.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the ladies who lovingly make quilts, knit and sew items for people in need.
- Pray for the success of our annual Prayer Quilt sale, and our projects for the military. These include: layettes for infants, providing Thanksgiving baskets, and the annual Christmas shopping event.
- Pray for the recipients of these handmade quilts that they feel the power of prayer in their lives and are reminded of the love of Christ that brings hope and comfort in all things.

WOMEN’S FRIENDSHIP TEA

Sunday, June 12th, 2:00PM at the home of Joy Wray

It’s back! After a 2 year delay, we are once again celebrating with a Friendship tea at the home of Joy Wray.

This is always a great time as we come together as Sisters in Christ in fellowship and friendship. All Women are invited. Transportation will be provided from the church at 1:30PM.

More information will be forthcoming.

IT IS FINALLY HERE!
Sunday, June 5, 2022

Communion Worship service and
Homecoming potluck at the large
pavilion in Lindo Lake, 9:45AM
(Please note that there is no electricity
in the pavilion.)




MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The first and third Monday evening at 7 PM of each month a group of men meet to study the Reformed Faith that most Presbyterian’s prescribe to. The book we are using is called, “Essential Truths of the Christian Faith” by RC Sproul. It is done in such a way that it is not talking over one’s head. That does not mean it is easy either. It does promote discussion that will enrich our faith and understanding of Theology.

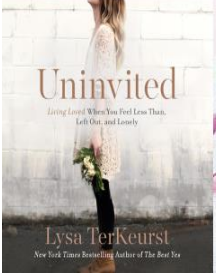
I hope that you will consider joining the bible study. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Wilson at 619-743-6554 or fast.ed.wilson@gmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

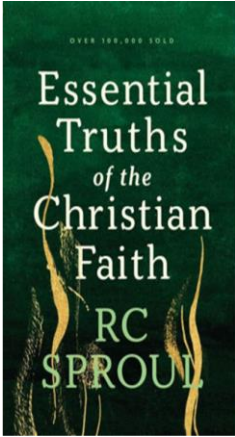


Join us at 11:00AM
in Rooms 1-2

Discipleship Explored is an
eight-session journey through
Paul’s letter to the Philippians.
Come and explore with us!



Please join us for
WOMEN’S Bible Study
Mondays at 3:00PM
Pastor’s office.



Men’s Bible Study
Every 1st & 3rd
Monday of the
month at 7:00PM
Pastor’s Office

PRAYER QUILT NEWS

The Prayer Quilt Ministry continues to receive almost weekly requests for a Prayer Quilt, which we are very willing to supply. Prayer Quilt #691 was dedicated on May 22. Look for our new updated request form which will be available soon. Newcomers who are interested in quilting, knitting or sewing are always welcome to join us on Monday mornings at 10:00AM in rooms 1 and 2.

We want to remind all of you to please stop, say a prayer, and tie a knot in each Prayer Quilt displayed after church. It is not at all necessary to know the recipient, or the sponsor, in order to pray for the recipient. If you have trouble tying a square knot down to the surface of the quilt, please ask one of the Prayer Quilt ladies for assistance. You can then place your finger on the tied knot to say your prayer.

There are only two requirements for anyone in need to receive a Prayer Quilt. First, the recipient must believe in the power of prayer. Secondly, the recipient must give their permission for the quilt. If he/she is incapable of giving permission, the spouse, parent, or friend can give the permission.

Flyers to request a Prayer Quilt are found in either the office or Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Norma Sibbet at 619-447-1634 or 619-995-1962.

COMING JUNE 18th – WATER DAY FOR THE KIDS, CONCERT FOR ADULTS

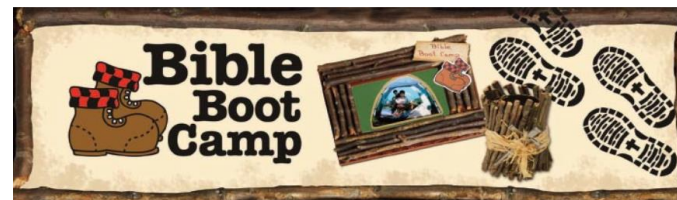
Starting at 1:30 PM on Saturday, June 18th, we will have a community-wide water day for children through 5th grade. There will be two water slides, sprinklers, wading pools, some squirt guns and other water games. This is going to be open to everyone in the community.

While the kids are on one end of the field getting wet, the Jukebox Generation will be entertaining the adults with their live performance of easy listening music from several generations. You don't have to bring a kid to enjoy the band, but if you do bring your kids, you can watch them from the dry zone where the band is performing.

We need a few adults who don't mind getting a little wet to help supervise the water activities and a few adults to pass out frozen treats for the kids.

What we need most of all is to help get the word out. Most of us know some people with children, so if you could personally invite them, we have a flyer available so they can put it on their fridge. We are also in need of a few people to hang flyers on the apartment doors in our neighborhood.

At the event, we will be letting people know about our One Day Bible Boot Camp coming the next month. If you have questions (or want to volunteer) please see Michael McKnight or call the church office.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

Registration: 12:30PM-1:00PM
1:00PM-4:00PM VBS
4:00PM-5:00PM BBQ

It is never too early to start planning vacation Bible school (VBS). The past two years our VBS had been on hiatus, no thanks to Covid-19. As we look around, we recognize a shortage of children in church not to mention volunteers. While others may see lemons, we see this time as a great opportunity to "reboot" and offer something different than other churches in our community. While area churches conduct a weeklong VBS program, that format doesn't work for everyone and especially for parents who are working during the week and want to participate with their child. In addition a weeklong program also requires many volunteers.

Our solution? Welcome to LCPC one day Saturday Bible Boot Camp! The children will participate in age related groups. The Bible camp is designed to encourage kids to get back to nature as they learn to walk with God. Parents can participate with their child, if they so choose, or drop their child/children off. "Guides" our adult volunteers will share the story of the Good Samaritan, assist the children as they make awesome nature crafts, play games, sing songs, and possibly go on the "Great Adventure Hike" around the church grounds as they make discoveries about God. At the conclusion of the Saturday VBS, we will have a hamburger & hot dog BBQ for the children, parents, volunteers, and the church congregation. If you would like to know how you can help, please contact the church office or Nancy Adams.

GRADUATIONS

If you have a loved one who will be graduating this year, please send us the name and level of graduation so that we can celebrate their success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Matthew Rich will be graduating 5th grade at Lemon Crest Elementary School.

Tarich Hylton-Gordon will be graduating middle school.

Lily Sibbet, granddaughter of Jim and Norma Sibbet, will graduate from 8th grade at Hillsdale Middle School.

You did it!

Way to go!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

As previously reported in the Session Highlights, we are in the process of developing a Flourishing Church Plan: At our May Session meeting, Pastor Tim led a discussion on desired areas for growth next year. Beginning in September, our initial focus will be on **Prayer**, with the following goals:

- To be a church that prays and is known for prayer.
- To cultivate a love of prayer as a means to connect with God and develop community.
- To learn about prayer in worship and small groups, in serving with others and in sharing the gospel.
- To nurture hearts and habits that value prayer.
- To encourage people to pray spontaneously; to be comfortable to pray in worship.
- To begin September with 40 days of Prayer, to include a sermon series on prayer, emphasis on prayer in Sunday school classes, small group participation, and other activities/events that focus on prayer.

The timeline for our church-wide focus on Prayer will begin September 2022 through August 2023.

Other highlights from our May Session meeting are highlighted below:

1. Approved the Prayer Quilt Ministry Fundraiser on October 16th, 2022 in classrooms 1 & 2. There will be no Adult Sunday School on that date.
2. Approved moving funds from our Checking Account into our Fidelity Investment account for 60 days, until a long-term investment plan is developed. \$250,000 will be kept in checking. A long-term plan will ensure that our money works for us.
3. Our ending financial report as of 30 April: -\$24,953.20. The good news is that our April report was \$316.88 in the black.

POTATO CHIPS post by Robert Timothy Cole 5/31/22 (Thank you Carmen Bunch for sharing!)

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" (Continued on page 7)

WHAT DOES THE SECOND LETTER 'C' IN LCPC STAND FOR?

Submitted by Michael McKnight

That's right – it stands for Community. When we were founded over 125 years ago, not only was our building in the middle of downtown Lakeside, but we were a social center for many things going on in our community.

As Lakeside has grown up, we have changed from a simple ranching community to a larger suburb of San Diego. We have a large number of people going through changes in their lives: whether military being transferred here - who miss their families; senior citizens who are facing changes as they go into the next phase of their life; families transferred here to find affordable housing than in other parts of the county; and some who still see the closeness of the ranching community that we started as so long ago. As people move in, they may lose some of their social interaction, while others have lost a lot of social interaction over the last few years due to Covid.

As a church, we have a great opportunity to become a social center of the community again. We already have a great start with our Eat and Greet program, which is slowly starting to grow again after being shut down for Covid. Our free monthly outreach offers a safe place to gather for a couple of hours to enjoy food, fun, and social interaction

Some people may have the mistaken belief that the primary purpose of Eat and Greet is to feed the homeless. While we do have some homeless guest attending, I can assure you that we have a very diverse group of visitors, who have gathered in our facility to get to know new people, relax, and maybe win a small prize. In any case, guests have the opportunity to talk to somebody new.

Most of you have read your Bible and know that Jesus met most people where they were comfortable. Jesus often shared meals, and listened. I would like to challenge you to come to the next Eat and Greet, to have a meal, and listen to someone new. You may be amazed at what Jesus can do with two hours and a sandwich.

Your next opportunity will be on Sunday, June 26 at 12:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. We have flyers already available if that will make it easier for you to invite somebody.

Potato Chips (Continued from page 6)

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son could respond, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected." Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally! Have lunch with God ... bring chips.