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(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone
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Lakeside Christian HELPS Center

When you finish reading this newsletter,
please share it with family and neighbors.

Coming up...

10/8 - 8:00AM-12:00PM All-Church work party

10/9 - 9:45AM Communion Sunday

10/16 - 9:00AM Prayer Quilt Annual Fall Sale!

10/23 & 30 - 11:00AM – New Members Class

10/28 2:00PM - Young @ Heart A Ministry for
Senior Citizens Movie Afternoon

10/30 12:15PM - Eat & Greet, Free monthly
Neighborhood lunch –
All are welcome!



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A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Loving Lakeside

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city
to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it,
because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:7

During the days of Babylonian exile, the people of Israel had been taken by force to live in Babylon. This was a difficult time for the people of God as they lived in a society that did not believe in their God nor in the ways of God.

The people of Israel could have resisted their Babylonian captors. They could have tried to overthrow the leaders of Babylon or they could have totally separated themselves from the Babylonians, seeking to be free from the corrupt lives of the people in Babylon. But God had a different plan. He wanted the people of Israel to serve their neighbors and to pray for the city. He wanted the people of Babylon to prosper and to be a great place to live because of the Israelite captives. “If Babylon prospers then you too will prosper.”

This type of serving God’s way applies also to us in Lakeside. We may live in a world that seems ungodly. We may feel like our neighbor’s lives are far away from God, but the way that we can influence them, the way that we can help them “prosper,” is by loving and serving them.

What if we as the people of God lived in such a way that if we were gone, it would be hard to imagine Lakeside without us?

What if we were kind, if we served our neighbors, if we cared for our neighbors? What would happen if we put this into practice in our everyday lives?

If we did these things, we would have influence upon our neighbors. It would be a welcomed influence and when our neighbors ask why we do these acts of kindness, we point them to Jesus. When we do these acts of serving others, not expecting anything in return, we do so because of our relationship with Jesus and because this was His way. His ultimate act of serving others was to die on a cross for us. Our response to this great act of love is to provide small acts of kindness to those undeserving. We love Lakeside so that Lakeside will thrive! Our desire is to see Lakeside be a vibrant and flourishing place where people’s needs are met and God’s love shines.

So, as you plan out your day, as you go about the city, do so with an eye for serving others, for loving others, so that they may prosper and so that you may point them to Jesus.



LCPC NEW MEMBER CLASS – OCT. 23 & 30

Interested in learning more about LCPC, about the Christian faith and what it means to be a member at LCPC? Then come and join Pastor Tim and other church leaders as we discuss the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be a member at LCPC.

There will be two 1-hour classes on Sunday, Oct. 23 and 30 following the church service.

A light lunch will be served to those participating.

If you have questions or would like to sign-up, call the church office.



Young at Heart
A Ministry for Senior Citizens
MOVIE AFTERNOON:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2:00PM

Young at Heart will be hosting a Movie Afternoon in Rooms 1 & 2.

Please mark your calendars now to join us for a fun-filled afternoon!

For more information, contact the church office, Gary MacDonald or Michael McKnight.

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER NEEDS

The Center is very low on canned ready-to-eat meals such as: spaghetti, chili, stew, etc. They can also use fresh produce if you have a garden or orchard and can contribute.

All donations are greatly appreciated and will go to help the Center to reach families in our community.

The Center is open Monday-Thursday 10:00AM – 12:00PM, and the fourth Saturday of the month with the same hours.

If you know of someone who may need a little extra help, the Center may be reached at (619) 561-3488.

ANNUAL PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY FALL SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Our Prayer Quilt group is having their annual sale on **October 16, 2022 in Rooms 1 & 2** like last year. We will be starting the sale at 9:00AM, then breaking for church at 9:45AM, and continuing after church until around noon. We hope you will all come to the sale and invite family and friends also. We will have many handcrafted items and some baked goods as well.

We appreciate all of your support and look forward to seeing you at our sale!

Norma Sibbet, Coordinator

SPECIAL BIG EVENT

Lakeside's Fall Festival

5TH NOVEMBER- SATURDAY
2:00PM- 4:30PM

Silent Auction and Raffle to benefit Feeding San Diego & Lakeside's Magic Horse

FREE: Live Music * Food * Prizes

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Fun For The Entire Family

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**HAPPY & BLESSED
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARY!**

Celebrate and Enjoy!

BIRTHDAYS

8 - Petra Rich

12 - Yvonne

14 - Joan Mentze

Linda Sunkel

17 - Katy Milroy

23 - Terry Pisciotta

25 - Bryce Hultman

27 - Joel Wheeler

29 - K. D. Hodge

30 - Tarich Hylton-Gordon

ANNIVERSARY

6 – Edgar & Jessica Fernandez



**DON'T MISS THIS!
LAKESIDE FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
2:00PM – 4:30PM**

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming first annual Lakeside Fall Festival. The festival will be held on our church campus and will feature:

- Live Music
- Food from La Palapa
- Side Dishes & Desserts
(From LCPC's Finest Cooks)
- Activities for Children,
 - Silent Auction
 - Raffle Prizes

Bring a can of non-perishable food item, and you will receive a free raffle ticket.

The Fall Festival is raising funds for two non-profit organizations: Feeding San Diego, and Lakeside's The Magic Horse.

Feeding San Diego helps Lakeside's Christian HELPS Center, and The Magic Horse provides therapeutic support and horsemanship for the disabled of all ages.

Invite one and all: friends, families, and neighbors.

Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert on the patio after service every Sunday in October.

We hope to see you there for food, fun, and great fellowship!

OCTOBER PRAYER

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER QUILT NEWS

We have now completed 700 Prayer Quilt Dedications!!

We want to encourage all of you to come to our **Annual Sale** which will be held on **Sunday, October 16th in Rooms 1 & 2 from 9 AM until church begins and then afterwards.**

We have many handcrafted items which should appeal to you.

We are so appreciative of the congregation's support of this event, as well as stopping to tie a prayer with a knot in our Prayer Quilts.

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.

Norma Sibbet, Coordinator.

**KNICK-KNACKS FOR TREASURE SEEKERS
(For Prayer Quilt Ministry's Fall Sale)**

Our Prayer Quilt Ministry's Annual Fall Sale includes a table for "Name Your Own Price." You can support this ministry with their table of treasures. If you have items that you would like to find a new home for, please let Jolene Rich know you have items, or drop off your donations at the church or office.

All donations received go towards the Prayer Quilter's account to buy supplies needed for their ongoing ministry helping people during seasons of challenging times in their lives.

If you have questions please contact the church office or Jolene Rich.



EAT & GREET FREE MONTHLY COMMUNITY LUNCH NEWS

The Eat & Greet luncheon is held on the last Sunday of every month at 12:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to serving our church and community family, activities include a brief devotional, fun games, and white elephants. Attendees are offered a free bag of pantry groceries.

The pantry groceries contain items such as canned meats, rice, boxed mashed potatoes, canned beans, breakfast bars, and more.

We have experienced an increase in the number of attendees which equates to an increase in the number of pantry bags being distributed. The Kingdom Builder grant of \$6000 allowed us to purchase a refrigerator for the Fellowship Hall, and the remaining balance is used for pantry bags for the next 2 1/2 years. That means that we have approximately \$125 a month for the purchase of food items.

When we initiated pantry bags, we were around 15 pantry bags each month, but with the increase in Eat & Greet attendance we are providing +25 pantry bags each month. Our pantry bags are solely funded from the grant, and any gracious donations from the congregation.

The HELPS Center does a fantastic job and we continue to support this ministry, but with very limited hours many people cannot access the Center and therefore cannot pick up food. This is where LCPC fills a gap in food support and why the pantry bags offered at Eat & Greet are important and why we ask for your help. Please consider bringing non-perishable food items marked "pantry bag" to the church narthex/foyer on any Sunday and we will make sure that the free give-away pantry bags are filled with your generous contribution! Thank you.



PRAYER CORNER

Every month we lift up in prayer different Missionaries and Ministries. For the full report on the praise, prayer and concerns from our missionaries, as well as other activities at our church, visit our website: lakesidepc.org.

TRANSITIONING TO A NEW LIFE

It is our privilege to support individuals who are seeking to improve their lives by getting help to overcome drug and alcohol use.

For many people the first step to getting off of drugs or alcohol is to go into an intense boot camp type of a program. Once they complete the rehabilitation program, they often go to a second program for a year of instruction and work training to help them to readjust back into society.

Part of the conditions during the programs is that individuals have to report to court on a weekly basis. Individuals must wear appropriate attire: men need to wear dress pants, a button shirt, dress shoes, and a tie; women need to wear a blouse, dress pants or a skirt and appropriate shoes.

The East County Center for Change needs donations of such clothing. If you have unused business/career clothes and would like them to go to a good cause please drop off clothes at church. We have a box in the narthex/foyer for donations.

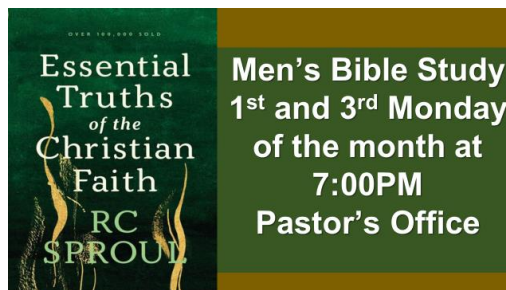
We can give a hand up to men and women seeking to improve their lives. If you have any questions, contact Michael McKnight or the church office.

EXCITING CHANGE TO OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Our gift card program has been contributing around \$100.00 per month to our church. Proceeds will now help to pay for some of the projects that we are working on around the church. Our first project will be to complete the "Zero Scape" landscaping around the marquis sign along Channel Road.

We are grateful for the donations that we have already received for this project. We have completed the environmentally friendly treatment of the ground and have removed the plastic that was used for the process. Soon you will see the new look which we are happy to report will reduce water use.

We place gift card orders on the last Sunday of each month. See Michael McKnight or Jan Warren, or call the church office to get a list of the hundreds of the various cards available, or to place your order. Adding a few additional regular purchasers, can double our monthly profit. Thank you for your support and your orders.



Online giving is easy, safe, and you control when and how often you wish to give.

Sign up directly to make a one-time donation or for automatic giving using a credit card or direct from your bank.

To give online, go to lakesidepc.org: At the top of the page, click on the Contact Tab, then the Give Tab.

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

ALL CHURCH WORK PARTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 8AM-12PM

All hands on board for our upcoming work party.

There is always projects for all skill levels. Please see Gary MacDonald or call the church office if you have questions.

We hope that you will come out and help us with the tasks that need to be done.

Thank you for your time, talents, and skills.

BOARD OF DEACONS NEWS

At their September 11 meeting the Deacons received July & August Committee reports from the Treasurer, Congregational Care, Church & Community, Sanctuary and New Members and approved motions to help provide evening meals to a member recovering from surgery for two weeks, purchased additional gift cards adding \$25.00 Walmart cards to those available as requests have come in for infant supplies in addition to food.

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. Each month your Deacon Fund donations support the work of the Neighborhood Health Care Center and the LCPC Eat and Greet luncheon. There have been no requests for financial assistance these past two months, however, as an indicator of the rising cost of food, four of the grocery and seven Fast-Food Outlet gift cards were given out by the Office in July and August. The envelopes stamped LCPC DEACON FUND are made available in the pew pockets or at the Greeter desk in the Narthex each Sunday.

The Deacons are so grateful, with thanks and appreciation, to the wonderful LCPC 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 may God bless you. We also express our gratitude to the nine church members who provided two weeks of dinners to a member family recovering from surgery.

Pastor Tim reported that in October, Communion will be presented on the second Sunday, October 9 instead of the usual first Sunday of the month. This coming New Year's Day is the first day of the new year and communion will be held on 1/1/2023 to start the New Year.

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 October 9 or if there is pressing business to take care of immediately Deacon's care.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you so much for your volunteer work. Even though you're not in the spotlight, you are the backbone of each and every event. Please know that we could not do this without your hard work. We are forever thankful for the time you have given us. You have made an unforgettable difference.

CHURCH IS HARD. By blogger Beverly Palmer January 16 2022

(Thank you Carmen B. for sharing.)

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation; where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family; a family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again; when I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face; when I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope; when I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung; when I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away,

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER

Our fall session has begun and we are going strong – I love this time of the year.

We were able to have an in-person Back to School Night this year. The turn out was great. The children really love showing off the classroom to their families.

We have a busy month ahead of us, and this is always an exciting time: the weather is changing, leaves are falling, and there will be lots of fun projects to do.

Again this year we will be hosting Jaspers pumpkin patch. During Covid we were not able to go on our annual Oma's pumpkin patch trip, so we brought a pumpkin patch to school. We set up the courtyard like a mini pumpkin patch. Then we show the children how a pumpkin grows by cutting open a pumpkin to find the seeds inside. And finally, the children get to pick out their own pumpkin. We have such a fun time.

Box Tops have changed: gone are the days of cutting out the little symbol and sending them to us. Now to support our program please download the Box Tops app and scan all your receipts. If you are still interested in participating but do not want to download the app you may send your receipts to me and I will scan them.

Keep an eye out for our annual **See's fundraiser**, we will start passing out the flyers in **November**. This is another delicious way to support us.

Another yummy way to support us is to have dinner at **Rubio's in Santee, on Wednesday, November 9 from 2 pm - 8 pm**. Pick up a flyer in the church office and bring it to Rubios and the preschool will get 30% from your bill. You may also order online at **rubios.com**, or through the mobile app, remember to enter coupon code DONATE at checkout.

Have a blessed month!

Shawn Santo

Director

Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center

