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please share it with family and neighbors.

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**Coming up...**  
9/4 – 9:45AM Communion Sunday  
9/5 – LABOR DAY , Church Office Closed  
9/9 - 6:30PM GIFT Women’s Ministry Bunco Night  
9/10 – 8:00AM All-Church Work Party  
9/11 - 9:30AM Homecoming/Special Patio Fellowship  
9/11 – 11:00AM Adult Sunday School Start New Year  
9/25 – 12:15PM Eat & Greet Free Lunch, All Welcome  
9/26 – 3:00PM Women’s Fall Bible Study Starts

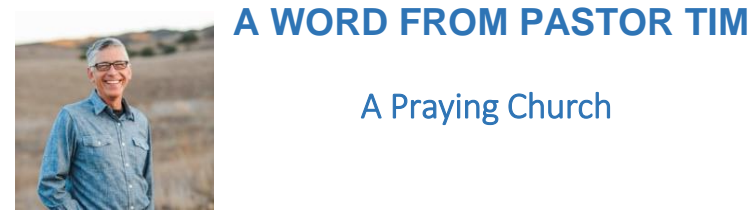


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## LCPC CONNECTIONS

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September, 2022 Newsletter

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### A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

#### A Praying Church

I have good memories of the start of a school year. Maybe your experience was similar to mine.

It meant for me and my brother and my sister that my mom would pile us into the station wagon and go shopping for new school clothes, new shoes and school supplies for the school year. We always shopped at May Co. (a big department in Los Angeles) for our clothes and Savon for the school supplies. I remember that for many years, I would end up with a new pair of Levi straight-legged 501 blue jeans and a pair of Jack Purcell tennis shoes and I won’t forget that we always got “Pee-Chee” folders for classes. These were the standards for a kid growing up in Los Angeles.

Those memories remind me that the month of September always seems to be the start of a new year, and a fresh start. I know that it goes back to those years as a student and then continued as I was the father of 4 kids and getting them ready for a school year.

As we prepare for September and the start of our church’s year, I wanted to tell you about something that we will be doing through-out the upcoming **2022/2023 year**.

Back in **June**, the Session of LCPC thought about what steps we should take to being a thriving, healthy, flourishing church. We want to live our mission of **Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples of Jesus**. A healthy church is one that  
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is a vibrant church and one of the key aspects of a vibrant church is that it is a **praying church**.  
For the upcoming year we are going to place an emphasis on prayer.

Prayer is an essential part of our relationship with God, both personally and as a faith community. We want this spiritual exercise to be an integral characteristic of our lives and of our church.

Here is how you can participate and help our church be a praying church:

- **Daily** – Everyday at **8:30am**, set your alarm and pause to pray. Make it a time both thanking God, petitioning God and listening to God. Being still before God is an essential part of being a disciple of Christ and this daily discipline will help in your spiritual growth. If 8:30am is not a convenient time for you, pick another time during the day when you can spend 30 minutes being quite with God.
- **Weekly** – Every **Sunday**, before the LCPC worship service at **9:30am**, Elders and Deacons will gather in the Pastor’s office to offer prayers for the upcoming worship service and any needs that may be of concern. Everyone is welcome to join in this time as we prepare for worship. I also want to remind you that after each service, there are Prayer Ministers that are there to  
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pray with you if you have a need or if you want to pray for the need of someone else. (If you are at home watching the service, pause with us at 9:30am and pray with us before the service while you are at home.)

- **Monthly** – Every month in the **LCPC Connections Newsletter** you will find a written prayer that you can make a part of your prayer routine. It could be said at the start of the day, at a meal, before going to bed or sometime during your day (like before a daily walk). It will be a resource to help you in your prayer life.
- **Quarterly** – We will gather together on a quarterly basis for a **Service of Prayer and Healing**. The Psalms will be our guide as we lift up prayers in word, in song, in silence and as we pray for healing in our lives and in the lives of those that we know are in need. These will take place in **October** (Wed., Oct. 19 @ 7:00pm), **February, May, & July**.
- **Yearly** – During **Lent of 2023**, we will have a **24-Hour Prayer Vigil** where for 24 hours we will be in continual prayer for our personal needs, for the needs of our church and for the needs of our world. Details will come out as we approach the **Season of Lent**.

I hope that our focus on prayer in the upcoming 2022/2023 year will be a key aspect of our church being a healthy, vibrant church that seeks to **Love God, Love People and Make Disciples of Jesus**.

A PRAYER BEFORE A MEAL

Loving God,  
bless our food and drink,  
our friendship and laughter,  
that we may be renewed  
in body, mind, and spirit  
to work together  
for the coming of your kingdom  
of justice, of love, and of peace.  
Amen.

SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - CELEBRATE THE YEAR WITH PRAYER

We will be celebrating the “New Teaching And Sunday School Year” on September 11th, immediately following Worship, with a Prayer Circle, to pray for our Sunday school (Children and Adult), our Nursery, and the many different ministries in the life of our church.

Our church focus this coming year will be on the “Power of Prayer.”

Please join us as we begin to weave prayer into the fabric of our church.

CHURCH WORK PARTY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10 8:00AM – NOON

If you are able to attend, contact the Church Office at 619-443-1021.

Projects include: replacing the lighting in the Pastor's Office; removal of the plastic around the church sign; weeding around the roses and Memorial Garden; painting the bathroom in Room 1 [South side].

Coffee and Doughnuts will be available.

Thank You!  
Stewardship and Property Committee

CHILDREN’S CENTER NEWS

The summer session quickly went by. It is getting harder and harder to say good-bye to our friends who are going off to Kindergarten. Some of them have been with us since they were 2.

We are ready to start over and prepare a new group of 2 year olds for the future God has prepared for them.

Our new school year has officially begun. We are excited for all the fun things that we have planned. We have great staff, wonderful families and the support of a loving congregation. It’s going to be a great year.

Our Back to School Night is September 22 at 5:00 PM. We would love to see you there.

Blessings,  
Preschool Staff



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## CANCELLED: JULIAN CHRISTIAN RETREAT WORK PARTY

Due to the extreme heat forecast, the Julian Christian Retreat Board has decided to be safe and cancel the plans to have people at the retreat over the Labor Day weekend.

## HAPPY LABOR DAY

In observance of Labor Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5. Regular hours resume Tuesday, September 6. Have a safe weekend!

## DO YOU NEED A GIFT CARD?

On the last Monday of each month, our church places an order for gift cards through the Great Lakes Scrip program. There are over 800 hundred retailer cards available to choose from in a variety of denominations.

The cards are delivered on the following Sunday. Regardless of the cards you buy: gas, grocery store, restaurant/fast food, or a Visa card, we have a card for you. With each card you purchase, the church can earn anywhere from 1.5% to over 20% on a few select cards. We have been averaging close to \$100.00 each month!

For more information or to get a list of cards available, contact Jan Warren or Michael McKnight, or call the church office.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the faithful, longtime patrons.

## PRAYER QUILT NEWS

Our Prayer Quilt Group has now sent 7 boxes of fabric to three different Navajo projects in Arizona and Colorado. We are also working on items for our annual sale which will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> in rooms 1 & 2 like last year.

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 a.m. in rooms 1 and 2.

Norma Sibbet, Coordinator.

## DEACONS CORNER

The Deacons did not meet in August but have our next meeting planned for September 11.

## THIS MONTH WE ARE PRAYING FOR EAT AND GREET!

Each month, we encourage our church family to pray for particular missionaries and other programs that we help to support. During the month of September, we are lifting up our Eat and Greet program in prayer.

Eat and Greet is designed as a meal program for the community at large. Our goal is to reach out and offer assistance to the homeless, the neighbors who are alone, and those who are having some challenges regardless of housing status. We want to welcome all walks of life. We want to be available to those who may be searching to start or restart their relationship with God, but do not feel comfortable attending church.

There are many examples in the Bible of using a simple meal to develop or strengthen relationships. Whether feeding 5000 men or 12 disciples, Christ used meals to connect with and get to know people right where they are.

Eat and Greet meets at 12:15 PM on the last Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. We serve a themed meal; offer a short devotional; we enjoy good conversations; and fun, animated bingo games. We are not licensed to offer prizes for bingo, but our guests receive door prizes.

Our church family is encouraged to attend the luncheons and minister to our neighbors while conversing and enjoying time together.

Our guests are able to make prayer requests at our luncheon, and they greatly appreciate knowing that others are praying for the concerns burdening them. Prayers are similar to any of ours: requests for relatives and friends facing illnesses, seeking employment, and those needing affordable housing.

Additionally, we can always use white elephant donations for our door prize table. Your contribution to our program brings joyful smiles to those who receive them.

If you have questions about Eat and Greet, please contact Joanne Laird, Gary MacDonald, or Suzy Smith. White elephants can be dropped off at the foyer on Sundays, or at the church office during normal business hours.

Thank you for your prayers and your support.

Below are our June & July Financials

	June 2022	July 2022	Year to Date
Receipts	\$22,775.40	\$23,740.21	\$137,891.35
Disbursement	\$22,903.13	\$24,937.366	\$167,618.02
End Balance	-\$127.73	-\$1,233.05	-\$29,726.67

- Comments:
1. Overall Giving is UP nearly \$7000 from 2021.
  2. Overall Expenses are DOWN \$4000 from 2021.
  3. End Balance of - \$40,644 July 2021.

Summary: We are grateful for your [the Congregation's] continued financial support. The Session and Committees have been prudent in their spending while our ministry in Lakeside is growing. Work is underway to develop an Investment policy and portfolio, funded using some of the monies from the sale of the Day Care houses. We are also working on getting bids to address our Infrastructure issues like roofing, plumbing, parking lot, ADA bathrooms, energy saving, sanctuary carpet, painting, tree trimming, the Steeple, zero scaping the sign area and others. Once the bids are received the items will be prioritized by the Session and work will begin to upgrade our Church facility.

Again, THANK YOU for your continued support of our Lord's work here at LCPC. Not just for finances, but also for all your volunteer hours helping the church doing the work He has placed before us. We are His hands and feet. Let us continue in our walk with Jesus each day. To Him be the glory!

The Stewardship and Property Committee

**Dave & Linda Ringenberg (MAF, Sentani Papua):**

**Praise**

- We praise God for the new MAF airplane, PK-MJL, that they affectionally refer to as "Miss Joyce Lin" in memory of the pilot and team member they lost last May.
- Praise the Lord that Linda and Ryan's trip to the States went well and for time spent with family.
- Praise God for great MAF teammates!

**Prayer**

- Pray for the safety f our pilots, planes and our team here in Papua
- Pray for wisdom in training our new pilots
- Pray for C.J. as he begins his senior year at Liberty college.
- Pray for the SLH (Lantern of Hope) schools interior as they continue to grow and prepare for the new school year. MAF is privileged to support a solid Christian education for Papuan children interior.

**Steve and Debbie Robinson (MAF, Headquarters):**

From Steve: "... I would like to share with you about some things that are happening in the landlocked African country of Lesotho (Luh-soo-too), which is known as the "Mountain Kingdom" as the entire country is quite mountainous and travel by road is difficult at best. MAF's chief role is giving wings to the Lesotho Flying Doctor Service and the Flying Pastor Program..." MAF is also spearheading along with other national and international missionaries a thrust to bring a Christian school to the community of Kuebunyane, Lesotho where there is no school at all.

**Prayer:**

- Continue to pray for the Flying Doctor Service so that Medical teams can be flown into very remote village clinics and for many medical emergency evacuation flights.
- Pray for the Flying Pastor Program supporting pastors from the capital city of Masaru, Lesotho, as they seek to bring the light of the Gospel to very remote villages where there is no other witness.
- Pray for the new Christian School in Kuebunyane that they can prepare primary students for success vocationally in their rural community or for secondary schooling in town. Pray that this can be a model for pairing Christian schooling with the Pastoral work already being done by the Lesotho Flying Pastors in other villages.
- Prayer for safe flying of Pastors in other villages. Over the years I [Steve] have evaluated and trained the national maintenance specialists and most of the pilot/mechanic missionaries there in Lesotho. Through your support and prayers for us, in a very real sense you are touching many lives in remote, and isolated, mountain villages of Lesotho. We pray that many more lives will be touched by the awesome power in Jesus' name.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following provides highlights and actions from our August 23<sup>rd</sup> Session Meeting:

1. Guest Speaker John Savidge, Director of 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Ladle Fellowship, met with Session to talk about a Health Care Ministry to provide care for the homeless and vulnerable adults on the streets. One of their goals is to provide an East County presence. This would require a host church or group of churches to support. This was just an informational meeting and will require a lot of discussion and coordination with other churches if this would be something we could take on.
2. The church received a gift from Reginald Warren's Estate in the amount of \$5765.75. Money is going into the undesignated memorial account until Session approves a way in which the money can be used to honor Reginald.
3. Session approved a "New Members" class that will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> after church in the Pastor's office. On November 6<sup>th</sup> new members will be welcomed and presented to the congregation.
4. Annual Congregation meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. On the Agenda will be to approve the slate of Officers (Deacons and Elders) for Class of 2025. The budget for 2023 will be presented for review, as well as the pastor's compensation package for approval by the congregation.
5. New California Statute AB 506 is to be implemented for all "Youth Servicing Organizations." It is a mandated reporting statute for reporting child abuse. All churches/non-profit organizations are included in this mandate. The main components that affect us are 1) annual training for all staff and regular volunteers; 2) background checks through Live Scan for all staff and regular volunteers, and 3) initial 6 hours training for all staff/2 hours for all regular volunteers. The definition of a regular volunteer is someone who works with children/youth 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year. Right now, the definition of "Regular Volunteer" will include the 2 Sunday School teachers. It is mandatory for all staff rather or not you have direct contact with youth.
6. Time changes for church service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 11:00AM. No Sunday school on those days.
7. An Investment sub-committee has been established under the leadership of the Stewardship/Property committee. They will be looking at Investment policies to maximize returns on our investments now and for the future.
8. Session approved funds in the amount of \$600 to "solarize" the Sign area.
9. Session approved \$650 (from facilities fund) to replace failed AC in Children Center's Office.
10. With sadness, Session approved moving Maeve Hall from the church militant to the church triumphant. Maeve went home to be with the Lord on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
11. Budget - Year to Date: -\$29,726.67. It should be noted that individual giving is up over last year. Attendance has been averaging 60 attendees in worship with an average of 21 viewing on-line (this varies week to week).

## GIFT (WOMEN GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER)

LCPC Women's ministry has planned a long-awaited evening of fun, laughter and reconnecting **Friday, September 9, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Please sign up after worship so we can have a count of participants for pre-game pizza, cool beverages; and ice cream sandwiches and snacks after Bunco. If you are a novice at the game of Bunco, please feel free to call the church office, or speak with Joy Wray or Shirley Wilson during Coffee Fellowship.

### Women's Fall Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study starts on **Monday, September 26, at 3:00PM in the Pastor's Office**, with a five-week series, The War Room. With "humor and heart" the study explores the power prayer can have on friendships, marriages, parenting (or grandparenting), careers and every other area of our lives.

For more information contact the church office.

### NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 11:00AM

When a Christian prays, does it make any difference? Does it change anything? This year as a church we are focusing on the power of prayer, and in Adult Sunday school, we are embarking on a 6-week series on how prayer can be a vital part of the Christian life and how it can call us to come before God's presence with joy and hope.

Using a DVD on Prayer by RC Sproul, along with group discussion we will learn how intimate communication with God is at the heart of our relationship to Him. How, as Christians we are given the privilege and responsibility of communicating with the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. Mark your calendars and join us as we see how prayer can change lives.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join us for our current study, Essential Truths of the Christian Faith, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00PM in the Pastor's Office. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 11

You are invited to join us for bagels and desserts to kick off the start of a new Sunday School year.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday, September 11 during Patio Fellowship!

THE LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER  
NEEDS OUR HELP

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Whether you volunteer and serve in front of the scenes or behind the scenes, you comprise the Body of Christ.

We all have a calling and a ministry that we can fill to build up God’s Kingdom right here at Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church.

No small deed goes unnoticed by the Lord Himself.

Thank you for serving our congregation, community, and beyond by your love and care, gifts and talents, time and treasure.

HAPPY & BLESSED SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

*Celebrate and Enjoy!*

- 2 - Cheri Rega
- 6 - Sheila King
- 11 - Ann Brady
- 13 - Paul Fitch
- 17 - Shirley Wilson
- 18 - Don Bright
- 19 - Bob Hart
- Pam Rega
- 20 - Sioux Swart
- 22 - Linda Ringenberg
- 23 - Carol Monroy
- 24 - Iris Newhouse
- 26 - Leona Edic
- Ryan Ringenberg
- 27 - Cindy Walker
- 28 - Marie Hart
- Tristin Rich
- 29 - Pastor Bob Mentze

