#### LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sola Scriptura - Sola Fide - Solo Gratia -

Solo Christo - Soli Deo Gloria

(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone -Christ Alone - To the Glory of God Alone)

"A Confessing Presbyterian Church"

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER 619-443-2887 Shawn Santo, Director

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**Reality Changers** 

Lakeside Christian HELPS Center

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

#### Coming up...

- May 4 National Day of Prayer 12:00pm LCPC Prayer Walk; 6:00pm LCPC Prayer Gathering May 7 – 9:45am – Communion Sunday May 14 – Mother's Day May 21 – 10:00am Worship @ Lindo Lake Park
- May 28 Pentecost Sunda 12:15pm Eat & Greet Free Lunch,

All are welcome!

May 29 - Memorial Day, Church Office Closed





# A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

A Day for Prayer

"He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth the LORD God Almighty is His Name." —Amos 4:13 NIV

Thursday, May 4 is a day designated as the National Day of Prayer. It is a day that many across the United States will set aside for prayer and here at Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church we are going to take time to pray for our needs here in Lakeside, in our Nation and in our World.

Let me invite you to two different events:

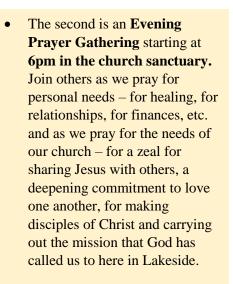
• The first is a prayer walk for our town of Lakeside. We will meet at church **12pm** at then go on a **Prayer Walk** pausing to pray for our local needs, for the SD Sheriff and the substation here in Lakeside, praying for our local businesses as we walk down Maine Ave., and praying for families as we walk to Lindo Lake Park.

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Come and join us for one or both of these times of prayer as we humble ourselves and come to the Lord God Almighty.



### SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, MAY 21 - WORSHIP AT LINDO LAKE PARK FOLLOWED BY CHURCH POTLUCK 10:00am at the Pavilion

More details as we get closer to the date.

#### **BE A BEACON OF LIGHT**

Jesus told us, his disciples, to make disciples of all nations.

We **INVITE** you to join one of our ministries and together we will grow, learn and enjoy our time together, knowing that we are followers of Jesus.

One of the important values of Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church (LCPC) is our mission to serve others. It begins in our own community, and spreads throughout and to every nation. Grow in your faith and become doers not just hearers of the Word. Come and share the love of Jesus by serving others because service to others demonstrates the love and compassion of Christ Jesus.

#### WAYS TO SERVE

All are welcomed and encouraged to get involved. Listed below is just a small sampling of ways to service. Additionally, this is a great way to meet someone new.

- fold the church bulletin for Sunday services,
- be a prayer warrior,
- join the prayer quilters,
- read scripture on Sunday morning,
- serve refreshments on Sunday morning,
- volunteer at the monthly (first Saturday of the month) church work party,
- become a greeter Sunday morning,
- children's teacher or nursery attendant (background check required),
- volunteer in community events,
- serve or work in the kitchen for our Eat and Greet Ministry that provides a hot lunch to the community,
- help package non-perishable pantry bags for the community as part of our Eat & Greet Ministry,
- type a recipe of the month for foods contained in the pantry bag,
- volunteer your time with members of our congregation at Lakeside's Christian HELPS Center (across the street from Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church) on Channel Road
- donate unopened jars of peanut butter and jelly for our PBJ club, which are donated to the HELPS Center
- serve with others downtown in the Ladle Fellowship program at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego 2



# East County Transitional Living Center

1527 e. Main St. El Cajon 619-442-0457 www.ectlc.org

The ECTLC is in need of eggs, socks, hygiene products, and toilet paper. Donations may be dropped off at their facility. There is a security guard at the gate: let him know that you are dropping off the items and he will direct you to the area for donations.

#### LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER

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.

#### DID YOU KNOW.....

Our church office and leadership work diligently to inform and communicate church updates and events and yet we often hear that a person did not know when we have special events, or when ministries meet such as the Prayer Quilt Ministry who meets (Monday at 10am, Room 1 & 2), Men's Bible Study (1st and 3rd Monday at 7pm, Room 1), Women's Bible Study (Monday at 3pm, Pastor's Office), Eat and Greet (last Sunday of the month at 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall), or they are not aware of volunteer needs, etc.

Even though we strive to communicate church news in a variety of ways we recognize there is always something we can do better. If you see a gap in what we communicate or a way we can improve communication we encourage you to submit your suggestion to the church office.

Currently we use the following methods to communicate:

- Utilizing the breezeway bulletin board to identify events and ongoing ministries
- Sunday bulletin contents
- Sunday announcements before the service
- Connections, our monthly newsletter
- Website <u>www.lakesidepc.org</u>
- Church calendar (provided on paper and located on the website)
- Facebook & Instagram

#### BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION ON GOD'S WORD

New Women's Bible Study – Begins May 1st.

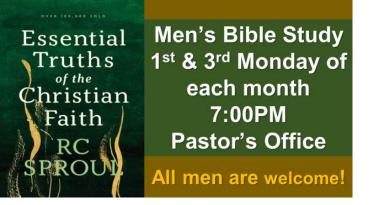
Join us as we begin a new study on the Gospel of John. Using a series by Margaret Feinberg on Pursuing God, we will see the beauty of God radiated in the person of Jesus Christ a person in whom we find the invisible attributes of God being made visible. As Margaret says these attributes are to be enjoyed, celebrated, and reflected upon. We will also be "encountering" Jesus through our own story as well as the stories and scripture found in the Gospel message. This is a message we need to study and be reminded of because it beckons us to love God even more. As Margaret says, "her hope and prayer is that we will be reminded of the work of God in our lives, and that we encouraged to share that beautiful news with others."

We hope to see you there. We will be meeting in the Pastor's office at 3:00pm each Monday.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

#### 11:00 AM in Classrooms 1 and 2

Join us Sundays for a journey through the Old and New Testament using the video series **From Dust to Glory**. Beginning with the Old Testament book of Genesis, this series will provide a "panorama of biblical truth and a starting point to help understand the content of the Bible." Dr. R.C. Sproul says this: "**From Dust to Glory** will energize your study of the Bible, provide you with new insights, and improve your ability to read, understand and apply Scripture to your life." Please join us as we grow in the knowledge and love of God.



#### MONTH OF MAY BEST WISHES TO YOU, CELEBRATE & ENJOY!



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Joanne Laird
- 2 Gary Gilbert
- 3 Eileen Neumeister John Rich
- 6 Ramona De Ryan
- 7 Jerry Vincent 13 - Sylvia Riggs
- Todd Henderson
- 16 Louise Washburn
- 19 Annette McDaniel
- 24 Gary MacDonal25 Vicky Macagba
- 29 Kathleen Rich
  - Jo Savage

#### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

13 - Bob & Joy Wray 18 – Andy Ingersoll & Ramona De Ryan

"...and they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" Revelation 4:8

## LCPC FOODIE "TOUR"

Ever want to try something new, but you are alone or not everyone in your family is onboard? We want to plan an occasional mid-morning or afternoon meal at some of our local restaurants. Lakeside is home to more than Mexican or Italian food. Let's try Greek, Afghan, Vietnamese, or grab a burger at the DQ, or try some of the best cheap fish tacos from the food truck at the Garden Market parking lot.

This is a fun way to support our area businesses and spend a little fellowship time with each other. We will plan on offering carpooling.

If this is something that interests you we will have sign-ups on the patio or talk to anyone on the Spiritual Life Committee: Glen Bauer, Michael McKnight, Ruth Boudreau, Corky Leary, Wendy MacDonald, Sioux Munyon-Swart, Ron Hilley, or Ski Zenski.

# Spring is definitely here. I hope the rain showers we had will bring lots of beautiful May flowers. We love the warmer

CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

bring lots of beautiful May flowers. We love the warmer weather because we are able to play outside.

Our caterpillars all emerged as butterflies, and the children loved watching the life cycle. We were able to enjoy them for a few days before we let them go. It's always a fun experience.

Lakeside was buzzing with excitement with the Rodeo. We even got into the Rodeo spirit when the Rodeo queens, and the clown came to visit us. They taught us how to ride - even though it was a stick horse.

May will be a busy month for us; we will honor our Moms; we are practicing for the graduation ceremony; and many of us are getting ready for Kindergarten in the Fall.

Have a great month!

Shawn Santo, Director

Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center







#### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

Our church has been busy these past couple of months. We celebrated our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We baptized several people, welcoming them into our congregation, and we have started planning and executing much needed upgrades throughout our church campus. The following provides highlights and actions from Session:

1. The following Deacons were Ordained and Installed on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

- Deacons: Ruth Boudreau (Ordained and Installed); Ski Zenski (Ordained and Installed); Sioux Swart (Installed having been previously Ordained); Mark Vettel (Installed, having been previously Ordained)
- 2. Approved collection of soup and monetary donations for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Special Congregational Meeting held February 26<sup>th</sup> to approve 2023 Nominating Committee and the 2022 Annual Report.
- 4. Approved purchase of bulletin board for the Christian HELPS Center to place and make visible upcoming church and community events. Bulletin board is now in place and visible on the outside wall of the HELPS Center.
- 5. Pastor Tim attended an ECO workshop, providing tools for leading a church to develop its Structure and vision for God's Kingdom in a community. Questions that Session is exploring:1) What are we doing? 2) Why are we doing it? 3) How are we doing it? 4) When are we successful? 5) Where is God taking us?
- 6. Our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration as a church was held on March 19<sup>th</sup>: Over 140 people attended and the Rev. Dr. Sean Chow, Executive Director of our Presbytery, presented the message. Worship was followed by a "pancake breakfast."
- 7. A Session/Deacon/Staff Retreat was held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am-12:00pm. This is the first of ongoing retreats to look at "next steps" as we as a church move forward together in ministry. 90-day, 1-year and 5-year ministry goals were addressed.
- 8. Upcoming Events:
  - Pastor Daniel from Kingdom Builders Ministry (El Nino) will preach/share in Worship on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Ringenberg family will be here to share in worship on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have supported them for many years, and it is always great to hear what is happening on the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) mission field and their "kingdom" work in Papua, Indonesia.
- 9. We are continuing to work on campus improvements. Just a few that are ongoing:
  - Session approved funding of a new sound system. It should be installed by June.
  - The front sign area and xeriscaping efforts have been approved and project completion anticipated by May/June timeframe.
  - Repair of cracks in the concrete expected by the August timeframe.
- 10. Session submitted a proposal for a \$65,000 Community Food grant through the San Diego Foundation for the purpose of creating and maintaining a community garden and orchard for

low-income individuals and families that relies on community involvement.

- 11. Session's Financial Planning Committee met with ATS on April 24<sup>th</sup>, one of several financial advisors the committee is meeting with in developing a plan for use/investment of money received from the sale of the day-care houses. To date this year the church has received a return of \$9,381.65 on Fidelity investments.
- 12. Current financial report: As of March 31: <u>-\$16,330.40</u>.

# WEBSITE WWW.lakesidepc.org AND OTHER MEDIA Submitted by Sheila King

In the years that I have had the honor of managing LCPC's website which includes our Children's Center, our website has been viewed over a million times from people all across the globe. On a local front, many people new to a community, or may be looking for a church, will first visit a church's website. The website in essence is their first "visit" to our church and therefore keeping the website up to date with the latest information is imperative. Not only is current information important for our congregation, but it is especially true for someone new. People visiting our website have watched Sunday's sermon, read the Pastor's blog, reviewed our ministries and events, submitted prayers and contact information, given their tithes and offerings, and so much more. Our website provides a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel and in addition our website provides links to Biblegateway, Our Daily Bread, and the Bible Project for additional discipleship growth.

Do you want to see church pictures, events, and read encouraging words? Then visit our church Facebook and Instagram sites. You do not need Facebook or Instagram to view, just click on the icons on our website's front page.



Our use of social media platforms (website, YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram) provide a valuable resource to spread the Gospel. As we continue to grow a community of believers in Christ Jesus, our use of LCPC's website and Youtube allows people who are unable to attend in person to hear the Word. Using Facebook and Instagram to post church events and photos provides another means to engage and communicate church activities and share our beliefs and values.

# LCPC LIBRARY

#### The LCPC Library has a section of books on Prayer. Some of the books available are:

- 1. Let Prayer Change Your Life Becky Tirabassi
- 2. How To Pray
- 3. Too Busy Not To Pray
- R.A. Torrey Bill Hybels Various Puri
- 5. Earth & Alter

4. The Valley of Vision

Various Puritan Prayers Eugene Peterson

This is just a small sample of what is available. There is a white notebook for checking out and returning, with a basket to place the returned book. You may search the library collection on the internet at: https://www.librarycat.org/lib/LCPC-Library.



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