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**Lakeside Christian HELPS Center**  
When you finish reading this newsletter,  
please share it with family and neighbors.

**Coming up...**  
June 4 – 9:45am – Worship & Communion Sunday  
June 11 – 1:00pm Active Shooter Workshop/Sanctuary  
June 18 – Father’s Day  
June 22 – 6:30pm Pizza  
7:00pm The Chosen Series/Sanctuary  
June 25 – 12:15pm Eat & Greet Free Community  
Lunch and Activities – All are welcome!



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**A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM**

**Knowing Jesus**

Knowing Jesus helps us to know God. The better we know the Jesus of the Scriptures, the better we will know the God of the universe and we will trust Him more with our lives.

I know that for many of us, we have known Jesus for a long time, but sometimes our familiarity with the stories of Jesus allows us to miss the truth of who He really is. Knowing the back story and knowing the true Son of God will help us to see Him clearly so that we can know Him more fully and follow Him more completely.

One of the ways that we are going to do that is to watch the television series, **The Chosen**, at LCPC on Thursday nights during the summer. Each television show will reveal a different part of Jesus’ story, especially as seen through the eyes of His followers. I know that as I have watched the shows, there have been “ah-ha” moments that brought tears to my eyes as I visually saw what I have read in the Bible so many

times over the years. I hope that this time of watching **The Chosen** together will allow that to happen in your life. Each showing will be followed by some Q & A so that questions can be asked and we can learn together more about Jesus.

Our first **kick-off gathering will be Thursday, June 22 at 6:30pm**, with pizza and drinks on the patio followed by the viewing of **The Chosen** at **7:00pm** in the LCPC Sanctuary.

Hope that you will join us and tell a friend or two that we are going to be viewing **The Chosen** and learning more about who He is.

“For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”  
Hebrews 4:12

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

May has been a busy month as we continue with upgrades throughout our church property, and increased focus on ministry priorities. Church attendance has been up, and we are welcoming new visitors on Sunday mornings. The following provides highlights and actions from Session:

- 1. A wonderful time was had by all at our Sunday Morning Worship, at Lindo Lake Park on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The weather was beautiful, and the geese were out in force. Thank you to all who helped with set-up and tear-down. It was a lot of work, but much appreciated.
- 2. Session is continuing to look at core values of our church to support our 90-day, 1-year and 5-year ministry goals.
- 3. Session approved adding two additional holidays to the calendar: Juneteenth (June19th); and Easter Monday (the day after Easter). Office will be closed on those days.
- 4. Session approved Property Services Plus to fix slab leak in the patio area at a cost of \$3443.93, to come out of Major Maintenance.
- 5. Replaced all Paper Towel Dispensers. Thank you to Joe Conard for his work on this.
- 6. Work Party in June to replace shed roofs. Shed near Fellowship Hall repair approved by Session NTE \$6,000.
- 7. Session hopes to start soon with Xeriscaping project - scraping the top layer of weeds and soil around the sign area. Stewardship & Property to seek bids for an Electronic Sign.
- 8. Active Shooter training for key personnel scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> (after Sunday School meeting and Deacons meeting suggested.) Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- 9. There is an uneven sidewalk area near our sign that is posing a trip hazard (Someone has already fallen there.) A leveling compound will be used on this area, and other areas as appropriate, to ensure that church walkways do not pose a safety hazard for our congregation.
- 10. Session is discussing office reconfiguration to establish a space for meetings/conferences. Financial Report as of the end of April: **-\$13,038.15**

THE CHOSEN

Join us for a viewing party of the television series **The Chosen**, about the life of Jesus. We will be meeting on Thursday nights, watching the first season on the big screen, in the Sanctuary. Join us for the big kick-off on **Thursday, June 22 at 6:30pm**. We will have pizza and drinks on the patio and then start the viewing at 7:00pm.

Call the church office to RSVP so we have enough pizza.



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.

MEN’S CLOTHES AND SHOES NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church San Diego has operated for over 30 years, and we have e partnered with their Ladle Fellowship program. In addition to serving hot meals on Sundays, they offer many other services including a clothing distribution. Currently, there is a great need of men’s clothing, especially jeans, pants and shoes.

If you have already done your spring cleaning, we have a suggestion on how to obtain men’s clothes and shoes: If you go to rummage or garage sales, please ask those who put on the sales if they would be willing to let LCPC pick up men’s clothing. We can make arrangements to pick up the items to take to Ladle in San Diego. If you have any questions, please contact Michael McKnight.

HOPE 4 THE HOMELESS LAKESIDE (H4HL)  
& THE THINK DIGNITY SHOWER MOBILE

H4HL is based out of Lakeside and is in collaboration with the Think Dignity shower mobile project. The mobile is set up on Maine Avenue, near the Lakeside sign at the Auto Service shop lot, on the third Thursday of odd months. Together, both organizations provide showers, and all that is needed for a fresh start for the homeless and unsheltered in our community.

The organizations are in great need of the following: men and women’s clothes, hygiene supplies, underwear (new), snacks, bike patch kits, and batteries for these events.

Please drop off donations at the church office during regular hours.

## BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION ON GOD'S WORD

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 11:00 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**.

We hope that you will come and grow with us in the knowledge and love of God.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our current study on the Gospel of John, using a series by Margaret Feinberg on **Pursuing God**, resumes on **Monday, June 12 at 3:00pm** in the Pastor's Office.

We hope to see you there.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to our current study, **Essential Truths of the Christian Faith** by RC Sproul. Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month, at 7:00pm in the Pastor's Office.

### ACTIVE SHOOTER WORKSHOP SUNDAY, JUNE 11

On Sunday, June 11 at 1pm in the church Sanctuary, we will be hosting an Active Shooter Presentation, helping us to learn how to respond to this type of situation, on our church campus. You are invited to listen and participate in the 60-minute presentation, and ask questions on how we can be secure at our public events and what to do in the case of an active shooting situation. Contact the church office for more details.

## JUNE & JULY BEST WISHES TO YOU, CELEBRATE & ENJOY!



### 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
- ### JULY BIRTHDAYS:
- 2 - Richard Bunch  
Carolyn Stanko
  - 3 - Mark Noble
  - 8 - Gaby Noble
  - 12 - Mike Rich  
Garry Smith  
Nancy Vettel
  - 13 - Chris Crawford
  - 14 - Corky Leary
  - 16 - Bob Wray
  - 18 - Eric Ball
  - 20 - Logan Hodge  
Heidi Vettel
  - 23 - Heidi Ball
  - 30 - Lucille Bauer  
Janice Warren

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

- 14 - Brooks & Gabby Noble
- 16 - John & Jill Zentmyer

## PRAYER QUILT NEWS

Our group met at the home of Sioux Swart on May 1 for a potluck lunch and fellowship. We had 22 in attendance counting Pastor Tim. We are grateful to Sioux for hosting these events.

We recently filmed a video about Prayer Quilt which will be shown soon at the beginning of worship service.

We want to remind everyone that if someone you know is having spiritual, mental or other health issues please ask that person if they are willing to accept a Prayer Quilt. The three requirements for giving someone a quilt is that the person must believe in the power of prayer, be willing to accept a quilt, and no payment can be accepted for the quilt. We urge all people at church who support our Prayer Quilt program, even if they do not know the recipient, to take a few minutes to tie a knot and say a prayer for the recipient. It is especially meaningful when the recipient, and/or members of the family attend the church service when the quilt is dedicated.

We continue to enjoy our time of fellowship and working together in the Lord's work. 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.

## CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

There is so much going on in June. Many of the children will be leaving us for Kindergarten. It is bittersweet; we are happy to see them move on to bigger things, but 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 19. Teachers have a lot of fun things planned for the summer. We plan on having a lot of summer fun and water play!

Have a great summer!

Thank you again for all your prayers and support. Until next month

Shawn Santo,  
Director  
Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center





## CONTRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES!

Katie Rich will have her promotion on June 9th (Lemon Crest Elementary School) and will be going to Lakeside Middle School.

Oakley Noble to be baptized on Sunday, June 18.

## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS – HONORING OUR PARENTS

On Mother's Day we looked at the importance of parents - Moms, Grandmas, and those who are like Moms and Dads in our lives. We asked the following questions and here are some of their answers...

1. What does your mom (or parent) do to make you laugh?
  - Tickles me
  - Tells funny stories
2. How do you make your mom (or parent) laugh?
  - Sing silly songs
  - Tell funny stories
3. How do you know your mom (or parent) loves you?
  - Gives me hugs
  - Says "I love you"
  - We just know!
4. What some ways you show love to your parents?
  - We give hugs and kisses
  - Make things to give to our parents to show them we love them.
5. Who loves you more than your parents?
  - God
  - Jesus

We then read John 3:16 and Luke 2:41-51

- Jesus is in my heart
- He helps our parents love us, just as he helped Mary and Joseph find Jesus, when he had remained in Jerusalem
- Jesus died on the cross to save us all.

Jesus is working in the lives of our children!

## LCPC LIBRARY

**Visit The LCPC Library!** 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>.

## 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 serve. 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

## WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM

by, Sheila King

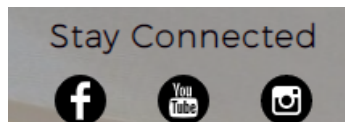
Last month I wrote an article on how LCPC utilizes social media to reach others, either as a first time introduction to our church, or as a means to view pictures that present insights into our church's activities.

The website, [www.lakesidepc.org](http://www.lakesidepc.org), provides up to date information, sermons, Pastor's Blog, church calendar, various ministries within our church, prayer requests, Preschool, LCPC library, volunteer opportunities, and links to Biblegateway and the The Bible Project. Within the past 30 days the top 10 countries viewing our website pages have been from: United States (from Washington State to Maine and everywhere in between), Canada, United Kingdom, Singapore, Switzerland, Ireland, Germany, Mexico, South Africa and Australia. Yes, our little church is internationally known! Taking advantage of social media is just another way our church can share who Jesus is to the world and His impact in our lives.

Since March the number of followers to LCPC's Facebook (FB) has grown to 473, with the majority of followers are living in Lakeside, followed by San Diego, El Cajon, Santee and Bostonia. Knowing this information allows us to reach out and invite our followers to church, participate in our ministries (Bible studies, Prayer Quilt, Eat and Greet to name just a few). Having a follower is nice, but you don't have to officially follow our FB page, you can simply view Facebook. Just within the past 30 days we had 539 people view our FB site. The more people that visit, the more likely they will visit us and join us as we grow in our walk with the Lord.

Our Instagram (LCPC9) platform has grown to 99 followers, but again you don't have to follow in order to view our reels and photos. In fact our Instagram page reached 544 accounts (504 people were non-followers) in the past 30 days. Just like our FB platform, the more people that visit, the more likely they will come and visit us.

A personal invitation to come to church is always preferred, but social media is a valuable tool when used responsibly and provides LCPC an economical method of informing and inviting others to church. *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28*



*A bag of pantry basics for each family*

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*In Fellowship Hall (back of the church)*

## JUNE AND JULY EAT AND GREET

June Eat and Greet will be on Sunday, June 25. The menu will be a bake potato bar with all the fixings! July Eat and Greet will be on Sunday, July 30. The menu will be a picnic theme with hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and more.

We will also have all the fun activities such as bingo, door prizes, and our live band! We always look forward to the fellowship, smiles, and laughter each month.

If you would like more information contact Joanne Laird, Gary MacDonald, or Suzy Smith.

## THE LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER CONTINUES TO SHOW CHRIST WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Lakeside Christian HELPS Center is a combined effort of the churches of the Lakeside area. They provide food, clothing, and other assistance to homeless and to those who need a little extra help to get them through the week.

Many clients are working families, so our church has made it possible to open the Center one Saturday each month to assist these families get the help they need.

The Center depends on food and clothing contributions from area churches and other non-profit organizations. Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church has used the Center to teach our young people about giving through the Sunday School Peanut Butter and Jelly Club.

Donations may be dropped off at the Center during their operating hours, or at the church office during office hours, as well as on Sundays in the foyer.

If you would like to know more about the Center, please contact Michael McKnight, Gary MacDonald or Joy Wray. All donations including food, clothes, time, or money, help the Center to get people through challenging times.

### HOW SCRIP GIFT CARDS HELP

Currently, we have an average of ten people and groups that order gift cards through our program which means that we earn an average of \$100.00 per month on commissions. Patrons pay face value, and the church receives commissions that can be as high as 15%!

The money goes towards pay for special projects being worked on around the church. Funds are currently going towards the renovation of the ground around our marquis sign.

If half of our church were to support the scrip card orders to any of the many retailers such as Walmart, Home Depot, Amazon, Arco Gas, Albertsons, Starbucks, Applebee's, or any other of the over 400 different brands that are available, we could double our commission and get more projects completed.

This will make our campus a bright light in our community.

### 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 [www.lakesidepc.org](http://www.lakesidepc.org)
- Church calendar (provided on paper and located on the website)
- Facebook & Instagram



Turning to God when  
you are sad is powerful  
because He already knows  
why you are crying and He  
is the only one who can  
truly comfort you! Amen.