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Solo Christo – Soli Deo Gloria

(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone -
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“A Confessing Presbyterian Church”



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

Coming up...

Sept. 3 – 9:45am – Worship & Communion Sunday
Sept. 4 – Labor Day, Church Office Closed
Sept. 10 – 11:00am, Ministry Fair
Sept. 24 – 11:00am – Parent Youth Meeting
12:15pm Eat & Greet Free Community
Lunch, Live Music, & Activities
– All are welcome!



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A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

A Praying Church

It has been a year since we as a church made the commitment to be a praying church. It was September 2022 that we wanted to make a concerted effort to be a people who prayed and be a church that was known for prayer. This year we are going to commit to that again.

As we begin a new ministry year this Fall, would you be willing to be a person who prays? Here are some ways that you can be involved:

- **Be a Prayer Warrior** – On a daily basis we receive requests for prayer from people in our congregation and people from the community, and each prayer is sent to our **Prayer Warrior Team**. If you would like to be added to the team and receive email updates let the church office know and we will get you on the email list.
- **Be an After Service Prayer Minister** – After each Sunday service we offer an opportunity for people to receive prayer, whether it is for a personal prayer, prayers for a family member or a prayer for a friend. We want to be praying for one another. If you would like to be a part of the **After Service Prayer Team** talk to Pastor Tim and he will get you on the list and into the rotation.

- **Participate in the 24-Hour Prayer Vigil** – On October 13 & 14, for 24-hours, we will be praying. We are asking that you sign-up for a 30-minute prayer slot starting at **9:00am on Friday, October 13 through 9:00am, Saturday, October 14**. You can pray from home or if you would like, you can come to the church during the day on Friday between 9am-2pm and pray in the LCPC Sanctuary. More details on sign-ups will take place during September and October leading up to the Vigil.

Being a church that prays is important as we continue to be a part of God’s Kingdom Work here in Lakeside, East County and around the world.

“Yet give attention to Your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.” 1 Kings 8:28

MINISTRY FAIR – SEPTEMBER 10TH

Have you asked yourself: “How can I support our church mission, highlighted in our bulletin every week: To Love God, Love People and Make Disciples of Jesus?” Have you thought about joining a Bible study, lifting your voice in praise by singing in the choir, or volunteering your “quilting/sewing skills” through the Prayer Quilt Ministry? Then join us on September 10th as we bring awareness of the many ministries and outreach opportunities within our church and community.

It will be a time to celebrate the work of our church and to highlight the many ways you can use your gifts to “love God and love others” in community and service. There will be ministry displays, and church leaders to answer questions, along with sign-ups for volunteer opportunities. Pastor Tim also “promised” “goodies” from *Trader Joes*.

When we serve together, we not only form friendships with one another, but we also deepen our relationship with God and the church. As a congregation we make God known, loved and served by our prayers and action. The ministry fair will begin after Worship in Rooms 1 and 2.

Where might God be calling you to share your gifts?

NEW MEMBER CLASS – OCTOBER 22 & 29

At LCPC we talk a lot about being a church family, about our connectedness, and about the importance of being a disciple of Jesus. Church membership is a next step in making these aspects of church a greater part of your spiritual life. Join us for two Sundays, October 22 & 29 to ask questions about LCPC, to learn about the basics of being a Christian, and about how you might grow deeper in your connections to this church family. Our class will start at 11:30am and last about 60 minutes. To sign-up, call the church office and if you have questions contact Pastor Tim.

NEW MINISTRY COMING

Prayer is such an important aspect of our worship at LCPC. We are a praying church, have a Prayer Quilt Ministry, offer online prayer requests, and have a team of prayer warriors who receive daily prayer requests from the office. It is only fitting that as we continue to grow in our walk with the Lord and that we have a Prayer Ministry. A separate ministry provides an opportunity for LCPC to be more intentional about prayer and not “get lost” among our other ministries. This ministry may want to create Prayer Partners, specific Prayer Meetings, Prayer Retreats, Special Prayer vigils, Prayer breakfasts, to name just some of the ideas.

Our first step is to ask everyone to Pray. Go to the Father and ask Him for guidance and wisdom as we seek to form this new ministry. We know God hears our prayers, *“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”* Matthew 7:7-8

We need your input. If this is something you are interested in learning more leave a message with Silvia in the office.

OUTREACH

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER NEWS

The Center is in urgent need of men’s clothing in particular; they also need blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels; 16oz or smaller bottles of water; easy pop-top cans of chili, and pork & beans.

The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00am to 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.

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

These organizations are in need of men and women’s clothes and shoes, hygiene supplies, underwear (new), snacks, bike patch kits, batteries, tents, tarps, backpacks, large trash bags for cleaning up the river area.

Donations may be dropped off on Sunday in the foyer, or at the church office during regular hours.



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.

EAST COUNTY EVENTS: Mayor Wells and Friends Annual Concert

HOSTED BY East County Transitional Living Center Get Tickets

Sep 30, 2023 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

El Cajon Mayor Bill Wells and his all-star band revisit the pop and soul classics that make up the soundtrack of our lives. LOCATION: The Magnolia, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020

NEW DAY 14TH ANNUAL 2023 GOLF 4 GOOD

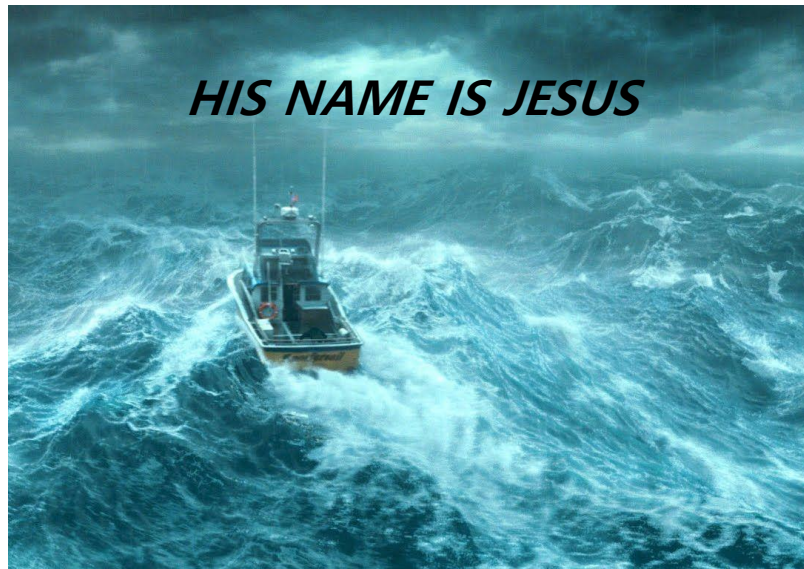
New Day Urban Ministries is hosting their fundraiser event on **Monday, September 18**, at the Carlton Oaks Golf Course. Golfers who wish to participate in the event can register online at www.newdayurbanministries.org. All event proceeds will go directly to New Day Urban Ministries, a 501(c) (3) mission of the Presbytery of San Diego, which serves as a Christ-centered outreach to the homeless, the inner city poor, and those just released from prison.

JULIAN CHRISTIAN RETREAT

Labor Day Weekend September 1 - 4

The Retreat is reserved for the LCPC Church family over the Labor Day weekend. Come up for the whole weekend (cabin space is still available), or come up for the worship service on Sunday, and hear what Pastor Tim has to share. The Retreat Board will be providing steak and potatoes; attendees are welcome to bring sides and desserts, but they are not necessary. There is time for attending worship in Lakeside, and then make it up in time to attend in Julian.

For more information, contact Scott Janes, Mark Vettel, John Neumeister, Bob Spencer, or Michael McKnight.



Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus Calms the Storm

23 Then He got into the boat and His disciples followed Him. 24 Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

26 He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

27 The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of Man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!”

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following provides highlights and actions from Session:

1. Pastor Tim continues to lead Session in reviewing and monitoring progress on our 90-day, 1-year and 5-year ministry goals. 10
2. Session accepted Shawn Santos’ resignation with regret at the end of June, and welcomed La Teresa Oropeza on August 1st. She comes to us with a lot of experience in faith-based early education that has covered over thirty years; she has been a Preschool Director for twelve years. She will be introduced to the congregation on August 27th. Session thanked Shirley Wilson for providing financial and payroll assistance to the Children’s Center during the transition.
3. Session approved a new audio system. Installation took place the week of August 14th, and included a new audio board, amplifier and new speakers. This equipment will enhance the audio on our streaming service, and the new audio-enhancement system will be helpful for those who have a hard time hearing during the service. This has been a long time coming, and will greatly improve the sound quality during Worship. Many thanks go to the Sound Image team and the LCPC sound team for their hard work.
4. Session approved the renovation of the Pastor’s former Office into a new “Fireside Room.” The Pastor moved into the smaller office, previously used for general staff use. This provides a welcoming environment for Sunday morning fellowship. Funds came from a generous donation from the Prayer Quilt Ministry of \$1,000 and funds previously donated for the Narthex/ADA bathroom upgrade (\$4,000). Thank you to Sheila King for directing and managing this move.
5. Upcoming Events:
 - Approved supporting the Operation Christmas Child (through Samaritan Purse). This will be a church-wide project with a goal of creating 100 Operation Christmas Child boxes and raising \$1600 for shipping and providing 12 Gospel lessons: “*The Greatest Journey*”, for 100 children. We will be meeting as a congregation on **November 4th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM** in fellowship Hall for packaging the boxes. Look for the display in the Narthex and for future announcements in the church bulletin.
 - Approved hosting of a Chamber of Commerce breakfast on **September 8th**.
 - Approved a Ministry Fair on **September 10th**.
 - Approved a Congregational meeting on **November 19th**. Elders and Deacons will be elected for Class of 2026.
 - Approved Pastor Bob Mentze to preach on **Sunday, October 8th**.
 - Approved a Prayer Quilt Fundraiser on **October 15th**.
 - Approved a New Member class on **October 22nd and 29th**.
6. Session approved support for Kingdom Builders (Pastor Daniel Nunez’ church planting) in the amount of \$10,000. Funds to come out of monies allocated for Missions from the sale of the Day Care houses.
7. Session approved a donation in the amount of \$2500 for Disaster Relief in support of the Maui fires. Donation will be made through Samaritan Purse. Funds to come from C100, Unallocated Reserves.
8. Current financial report: As of July 31st: **-\$17,225.26**. 3

**OUR CHURCH LIBRARY –
REVIEW OF YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL BY J.B. PHILLIPS**

Did you know that our Church library has over 1400 books...Classics from leading theologians (past and present), fiction, non-fiction, biographies and much more. The church library is important to study for the individual and the congregation. The library supports the mission of the church as well as the growth of individual members' faith.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all, the parchments." 2 Timothy 4:13. Paul had need of books: how much more the growing Christian of today needs the stimulus of books for reference, for Bible study, for inspiration in Christian living!

This month, we are highlighting J.B. Phillips classic, "Your God is Too Small." This book is one that challenges the reader to redefine their understanding of our Creator God, without the labels and constraints that often limits our idea of God. The author writes how we may view God as the "Resident Policeman," that still small voice that makes us feel guilty and unhappy before, during and after our wrong behavior. Or "God is the "Grand Ole Man", who is treated with respect and reverence but can hardly be expected to cope with the complex world we live in today. Or "God in a Box," a God that is "tamed and trained" to our own liking. We attempt to force a majestic God into little man-made boxes, with neat labels designed to make sense to our world.

This is a book that has made a tremendous impact in my faith walk, one that I have read over and over again. It is always tempting to make God "one of us," to explain the mystery and majesty of a God in ways that fit into our understanding of the world. This over forty-year old classic is for skeptics and believers alike. It continues to challenge me and is an encouragement to all those who want to know who God is and what he is like. As J.B. Phillips notes in his intro:

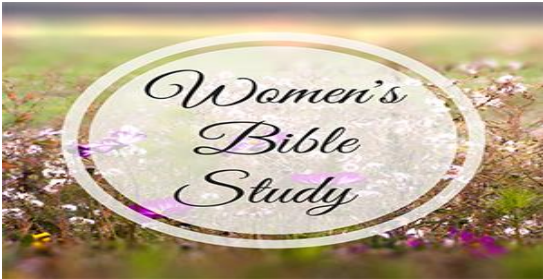
"If it is true that there is Someone in charge of the whole mystery of life and death, we can hardly expect to escape a sense of futility and frustration until we begin to see what he is like and what his purposes are."

In our library, we have two copies of "Our God is Too Small." Stop by and check it out, along with all the books we have on our shelves.
Linda Sunkel

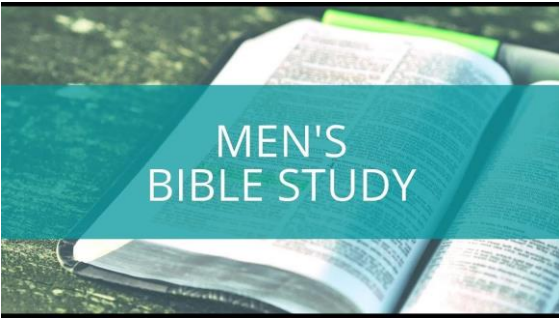
LCPC LIBRARY

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>.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be taking a break for the next couple of weeks. We will resume on Monday, September 18.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, at 7:00pm in the Fireside/Fellowship room.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 –
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available in the foyer.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

**BEST WISHES TO YOU -
ENJOY!**

SEPTEMBER

- 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
Dr. Karen Avazian
- 28 - Marie Hart
- 29 - Pastor Bob Mentze



CHILDREN'S CENTER

Our Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center is having a promotional special through September 30th for free registration when enrolling your child for the Fall school year. Call the Preschool at 619/443-2887 or complete the online Preschool Contact form at www.lakesidepc.org for more information. Spread the word!



A STAR IS BORN

Did you know that Pastor Tim has reels (think mini movie reels) on the church's Facebook and Instagram page? Each week he shares something new; so check out the latest reel. You do not have to have a Facebook account or Instagram account just go to our website www.lakesidepc.org and click on the icon; better yet subscribe to our church's FB or Instagram page (LCPC9) and receive up to date releases.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Our Gift Card Sales are helping raise money for extra touches on projects around our campus. Orders are taken on the last Sunday of each month, and the cards are delivered the following Sunday. We will also take orders over the phone, and arrange to get the cards to you.

Companies regularly run specials, so watch the bulletin for these details. There are over 400 retailers available – there is somethin for everyone.

Through the scrip program, you get the full purchase price for Visa and American Express cards. These scrip cards do not have the added activation fees as is the case with many store purchased gift cards.

Contact Jan Warren, or Michael McKnight with any questions, to place an order, or to get a list of the cards that are available.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of a few good men to help us change the church lawn sign on Sundays. If we can get three to four men to help, we can schedule them once or twice a month. Please contact the church office if you can help.

We thank those men who have been helping while we get a team together.

A graphic for a pool party invitation. It features a blue background with large, stylized red and white waves. A pair of red sunglasses is at the top. The text "YOU'RE INVITED TO A POOL PARTY" is in the center. Below this, a light blue box contains the event details.

All middle and high school youth from the East County Presbyterian Churches (Lakeside PC, First Pres. El Cajon, and Fletcher Hills Pres.) are invited to the Lakeside Presbyterian Pool Party at the Wisdom-Soto home: 626 Bentwood, El Cajon.

Sunday, September 10 from 1:00pm-3:30pm
Lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact Pastor Tim at 619-443-1021, or Michael McKnight at 619-672-8234

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By now you should be aware of LCPC commitment to 2023 Operation Christmas Child and our goal of creating 100 Operation Christmas Child boxes & raising \$1600 for shipping and providing 12 Gospel lessons, **The Greatest Journey**, for 100 children.

We are doing things differently than in the past.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Saturday, November 4th at 10AM we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and together we will make the boxes with the items you have donated in the collection box located in the Narthex between now and November 4th. In November we will have tables set up in the Fellowship Hall by the categories and will fill the boxes. There will be something for everyone to be able to participate in and afterwards we will have pizza and refreshments for everyone.

Let us fill the collection box in the Narthex with a toy, personal care item, accessories such as socks, sunglasses. Please identify if the item is for a Boy or Girl and one of three age categories.

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Boy	2-4 years old		Girl	2-4 years old
Boy	5-9 years old		Girl	5-9 years old
Boy	10-14 years old		Girl	10-14 years old

Yes - Give a “WOW” item soccer ball (not inflated) with hand pump, stuffed animal, shoes, doll; Personal Care: toothbrush, washcloth, comb, hairbrush, small empty plastic bottle; School supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators;

Accessories: socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

No - Do not give toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, no food, no candy, no lotions or liquids, no vitamins, no glass containers or aerosol cans.

Again....**Saturday, November 4th at 10AM** we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and together we will make the boxes followed by pizza and refreshments for everyone.

Of course you are always welcomed to fill a box and return the filled box to the church, but we understand filling a box can be costly, not to mention our goal of raising \$16.00 per box for shipping and 12 classes for 100 children. Therefore, consider giving a small item and placing it in the collection box. Your item will become part of our overall collection for the large packing day.

Or donate money to be used for the shipping/classes or for LCPC to purchase items. Please make your check payable to LCPC and in the note field write: OCC (Operation Christmas Child). You can also make a donation using the church ONLINE Giving by going to www.lakesidepc.org. Online Giving is a secure site. The Giving page provides a dropdown field for the type of fund, such as Tithes, Deacons, OCC, Memorial etc. Click on OCC and make your donation. You will receive an online confirmation thank you and our Treasurer receives a weekly and monthly report that lists all online giving including the designated funds you selected. Online giving accepts Credit Cards, Debit Cards, and GooglePay.

This may seem like a lot to ask, but always begin with prayer. Pray about how and what you can do to be an active missionary in our church's participation in OCC. Pray that our gifts, given in the spirit of Christian love be used in a way to demonstrate our love of Christ and people. Pray that through these gifts, we can along with the field volunteers teach the children, parents and villages of God's Word.

If you have any questions, please see Sheila King.

May God richly bless you,
Discipleship/Missions Committee

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In Rehab Facility: Carolyn Stanko

At Home or Shut-Ins: Ann Brady; Carmen Bunch, Dick Canfield; Ed Goshen; Nancy Hardick; Bob and Marie Hart; Barbara Hill; JoAnn Johnson, Rufi & Vicky Macagba, Katy Milroy; Carol Monroy; Frank Morrin; Dee Opfer, Joseph Opfer, Charlotte Perkins; Pam Rega; Bill Roberts; Jo Savage; Louise Washburn; Hank Winius

Family & Friends: Julia Fallia (Sioux Schwart's friend); Kirk MacDonald (Gary's brother); Adam Nealy (Suzy Smith's son); Carol O'Dell (Friend of Donna Swennes); Jose Ruvalcaba; Jerry Vincent

Those In Harm's Way: All the people in the fires in Maui; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East & around the world; Christians in war-torn countries

Please pray for our supported Missions. See back cover of this newsletter.

Sunday, September 24
12:15 pm

EAT & GREET

Free Community Lunch
Sloppy Joes
Salads
Corn on the Cob

Games
Door Prizes
BINGO!

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