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(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...
Nov... 4– 10:00am – OCC Box Packaging & Pizza Lunch
Nov... 5 – 9:45am – Worship & Communion Sunday
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 13 – Office Closed
Nov. 12 – 11:00am Deacons Meeting
– **3:00pm East County Youth Symphony Concert**
Nov. 13-Church Office Closed on Nov. 13 in observance
of Veterans Day
Nov. 15 – Last day to order See's Candy/PreK Fundraiser
Nov. 19 – LCPC Congregational Meeting
Nov. 20 – PQM/MOMSD Thanksgiving Baskets Dist.
Nov. 23 – A blessed Thanksgiving to you!
Nov. 26 – Advent/decoration & Pizza lunch
– 12:15pm Eat & Greet Free Community
Lunch, Live Music, & Activities –
All are welcome!



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LCPC CONNECTIONS

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November 2023 Newsletter



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

THANKFUL

I wanted to say how thankful I am for what takes place every day, here at LCPC.

As I walk past the Preschool, I am thankful for the children playing on the playground, digging in the sandbox and exploring for things (if I am walking by, I am usually introduced to a bug that has been discovered). This always brings a smile to my face and then I say thanks to God. I also love seeing the teachers who pour their lives into these little ones during the hours that they spend together, and so I say thanks to God for them too.

I am thankful for what happens daily in our office. Silvia (our office manager, for those of you who don't know) cares for our church family as she meticulously prepares for Sunday worship service, responds to emails, takes phone calls, and graciously greets those who come to the office door.

I am grateful for all those who work and give of themselves to help us worship God. Ron, the choir, our musicians, and the tech team put in many hours to prepare and assist us to worship. There is so much that goes on for this hour of time together, and so I give thanks for them.

Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and prayer gatherings all are things that I am thankful for, because they help us to live out our mission statement: *Love God, Love People and Make Disciples of Jesus.*

So this month, would you say an extra word of thanks for those here at church. Write a note or say something to someone that helps us to be the church God wants us to be. It is one of the ways that we can give thanks back to our good, generous and gracious God.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Psalm 100:4
“Enter His gates with
thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and
praise His Name.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AFTER WORSHIP



EAST COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY(ECYS), CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 @ 3PM

We are delighted to have the ECYS return to LCPC, for another concert! Join us for this exciting afternoon with the talents of the young musicians! Invite family and neighbors to this free concert. Donations will be accepted. There will be water and snacks for sale during Intermission.

CHILDREN'S CENTER SEE'S FUNDRAISER

Our preschool is holding their annual See's fundraiser November 1-15. See's Chocolates make great gifts! Order forms are available in the Foyer/Narthex, and in the church office.



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS Military Outreach Mission **MOM** SAN DIEGO

It is that time of the year again, to help some junior enlisted military families to have a good Thanksgiving. **Your donations of \$45.00 or more** are needed to help put together at least 20 boxes of Thanksgiving food. The actual cost of a box of Thanksgiving food that includes a frozen turkey, stuffing mix, cranberries, variety of fresh vegetables, corn bread/muffin mix, turkey gravy, and fresh baked pumpkin pie costs may be greater than \$60.00. Any amount large or small is greatly appreciated. We want to help as many military families as we can.

Donations are accepted now through Nov. 19. The SDMOM organization will be picking up the food boxes on Monday, November 20 to be handed out that afternoon to military families.

Please make out your check for \$45.00 or more to LCPC and write 'Thanksgiving Box' on the memo line. You may put your check into the Offering Plate or hand it into the office.

Our generosity provides support physically, emotionally and spiritually for the lowest paid enlisted military families. *Thank you for putting your compassion into action!*

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER NEWS

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER - CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

The Center is accepting toys for infants and children, and gift cards for teens, now through December 13, for the annual Christmas distribution, which takes place on Saturday, December 16, at Rise City Church. Unwrapped toys may be dropped off in the Narthex/Foyer, and gift cards may be turned in to the church office. More information in the Sunday bulletin.

The Center is in urgent need of men's clothing. They also need blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels; 16oz or smaller bottles of water; easy pop-top cans of chili, pasta/soups, 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.



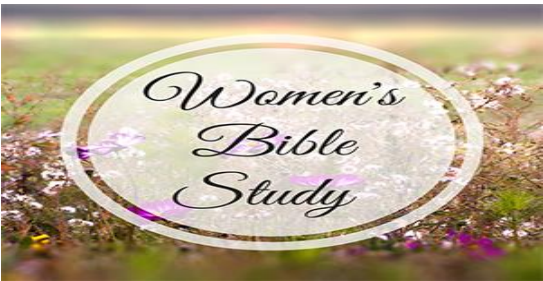
EAST COUNTY TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER
1527 E. Main St. El Cajon 619-442-0457 www.ectlc.org

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.

Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church livestreams our services and engages in social media platforms as a means to engage and communicate church activities. This means your image may be visible to the public. Participation in worship or other church events shall be considered consent to the use of the photo as described, unless written notification to prohibit is received by the church office.

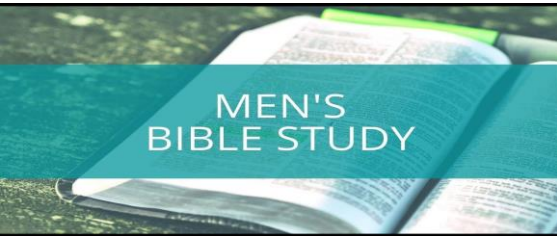
Contact us at: office@lakesidepc.org, or visit our website at: lakesidepc.org.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible Study will start a new study beginning November 13. Please see the bulletin on Sunday, or call the church office for more information. We hope to see you then!



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

We invite all adults to our study, **From Dust to Glory**. We are exploring the major themes, events, and people that are brought to life in the Bible. **From Dust to Glory** provides a panorama of biblical truth and a starting point to help us understand the content of the Bible. Join us in classrooms 1 and 2 at 11:00pm, following worship.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS
BEST WISHES TO YOU - ENJOY!

November

- 7 - Ethan Hodge
- 11 - Lisa Hultman
- 14 - Beth Clark
- 15 - Matthew Rich
- 20 - Shelly Noble
- 23 - Jerry Opfer
- 25 – Adam Large
- 29 – Jessica Fernandez
- Bill Hultman



November Anniversaries

- 8 - Garry & Suzy Smith
- 13- Steve & Linda Tagney
- 26 - William & Jan Warren

SENIOR CITIZENS' PRAYER

(Thank you Carmen Bunch for sharing this article located on the internet.)

Lord, I’m growing old
I’m not that young anymore
No longer that strong
But thank you Lord, I am still alive
Growing old can be lonely and scary at times
But I’m ok, I’m fine because You’re always at my side
Thank you Lord, I have gone this far
As You have loved me when I was young,
I know You love me more now.
Help me endure the boredom with
Patience, for my aches and pains are
Increasing day by day.
Thank you Lord, I have provisions and
Love from my family and friends,
And thank you for my faith that helps me survive. Amen.

PLEDGE DRIVE 2024

We are off to a great start: five Pledge Cards have been received totaling \$33,920. Please put your pledges in the Offering Plate, or drop them off in the church office. The Pledge Drive ends November 19, when we will dedicate them.

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

It is not too late to help support our missionary families by giving a special gift to say “Thank you” for their service to our Lord. Please put your gifts in an envelope and make checks payable to LCPC. Write on the check memo line, “Christmas in October,” then drop off your donations in the Offering at worship, or at the church office. Special offering envelopes are available in the Narthex/Foyer. You can also make a donation using the church Online Giving by going to www.lakesidepc.org and using the drop menu and dropdown field for “Christmas in October.” Online Giving is a secure site.

SHOPPING QUIZ



What do these items have in common: Progresso Soup, Paper Mate Pens, Cheerios, Blue Buffalo Dog or Cat Treats, and Lysol? They are all eligible for Box Top\$ for Education

What is Box Top\$ for Education? It is an easy fundraiser for schools, including our Children's Center and the best part it doesn't cost you anything extra!

Box Top\$ for Education is an easy way for our Children's Center to earn cash and LCPC will make it even easier for you. First: No Clipping! If you do not own a smart phone, or don't want to download the APP, just drop off your grocery receipt to the office and we will submit (scan) the full grocery receipt on your behalf so that our Children's Center will earn cash for various needs. We can submit up to 50 grocery receipts per day but it must be within 14 days of the date of purchased as indicated on the receipt. Items that have the Box Top\$ symbol are validated by Box Top\$ from the receipt and the school will receive a check 2x a year (December & April).

You can also download the Box Top\$ App on your smart phone and be sure to select Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center. After your grocery shopping trip or online shopping just take a photo of the receipt using the Box Top\$ App. You will be immediately notified if you purchased Box Top\$ items and the amount earned for the Children's Center.

So keep buying your groceries and turn in your receipt to the office: it's that easy and the Children's Center will benefit.

SEE WHAT’S IN OUR LIBRARY!

The Minor Prophets offer major lessons for all ages, and their timeless truths have been highlighted and enjoyed through Pastor Tim’s sermon series on the “Minor Prophets.” If you would like your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews to know more about the minor prophets, they are now shared in story book form for each of the minor prophets, as part of a series: **God’s Daring Dozen**. These books have been shared with our Sunday school students and deliver messages that are very relevant, today. They are “biblically faithful, theologically rich, gospel-centered books that teach truth and inspire faith in God and in His Son.” You may remember that Pastor Tim even used the book on Obadiah, as part of a recent Sunday sermon.

The sets include:

- *Haggai’s Feast*, which teaches obedience and encourages courage
- *Habakkuk’s Song*, which teaches trust and deepens faith
- *Zephaniah’s Hero*, which teaches repentance and promotes righteousness
- *Obadiah & the Edomites*, which teaches humility and offers hope
- Other sets include Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Zechariah, and Malachi. (We have set 1 and 2 in the library. Set 3 has yet to be released.)

Talk to Cindy Wheeler or Linda Sunkel if you would like to know about this series of books or other books that are in our children’s section of the library.

"For the law was given through, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."
John 1:17

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>.

CHILDREN’S CENTER NEWS

Happy November!

Fun was had by all at Oma’s pumpkin patch. It was a great way to welcome the fall season. We learned how to plant pumpkins and got to feel the gooey inside of the pumpkin. Best part was everyone got to pick out a pumpkin.

Be sure to take note of our upcoming events, we have a lot of fun things planned and don’t want you to miss out on anything.

Mark your calendar and let your family know about our Christmas Program. We are so excited to have our upcoming performance this year. The children and teachers work hard on the Christmas songs and they really look forward to singing their hearts out for you. The Christmas program is Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

On this Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving, we thank God for our families, our country and for the men and women who protect it for us, at home and abroad. We appreciate our military and law enforcement families, and their sacrifice for us.

Happy Thanksgiving!

La Teresa Oropeza
Director



Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center

Preschool Enrollment

Your kids deserve the best education

Benefit:

- ✓ Certified Staff
- ✓ Kindergarten Prep
- ✓ Curriculum
- ✓ Social Learning
- ✓ Faith Based
- ✓ Family Support

619- 443-2887
Email: preschool@lakesidepc.org
www.lakesidepc.org

- Mon-Fri 7am-5:30PM
- 2-4 yrs
- YMCA & CDA subsidies accepted
- Discounts available



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

The Prayer Quilt group wants to express our thanks to all the people who supported our annual sale! The sale was a great success, thanks to your generous buying! Our group has a substantial amount of fabric in our shed, plus all quilters have a “stash” at home. We have no need for fabric donations, so we suggest you donate it to Salvation Army. Norma Sibbet, Coordinator

THANK YOU LCPC!

Thank you to LCPC for your labor of love, your financial support, and for your help with filling gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be shipped to children around the world, and will include the gospel introducing them to the King of kings, and Lord of lords – Jesus Christ. Please pray for the children who will be receiving the gift boxes, that the Spirit of the Lord will prepare their hearts and minds to receive God’s love and good news.



HOSPITAL STAY & PRAYER

If you or someone you know has a stay in the hospital, please contact the church office, so that our prayer partners will be in prayer for you or for them. It is our desire, as a body of Christ, to look to the wellbeing of our church family. We would like to extend prayer and care in whatever way that we can. Unless we are made aware of a hospital stay, we will not know of the need. We would rather get the same notification several times, than none at all.





All Aboard
the
Polar Express!



Saturday, December 2, 2023
3:00pm - 7:30pm
Maine Avenue, Lakeside
Community Tree lighting ceremony at 5:00pm
(at the Olde Community Church on Maine, directed by the Lakeside Fire Protection District)

Bring your little ones' letters to Santa and drop in the special North Pole Mailbox. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed return envelope to receive a letter from Santa. Mailbox will be on-site until December 24.

- Visit with Santa and friends from the North Pole
- Student performances
- Food & beverages
- Kids activities and crafts
- Carnival games
- Shopping - local craft vendors

Additional Parking available at the Rodeo Grounds
12584 Maplevue Street

SCRIP

SCRIP SALES HELP OUR PRESCHOOL AND LCPC WITH ONGOING PROJECTS


Thank you for continuing to support to our school and church through our Scrip program! We encourage you to continue to helping by purchasing gift cards from any of the hundreds of restaurants, stores, and Visa. Please see Jan Warren or Nancy Adams to get a list of cards available, to place your order or ask any questions. All cards are sold at face value, and LCPC earns a percentage of that value. Some cards pay over 10%!

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WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our church, ministries., and community. We have not thanked you enough, and want to let you know that your dedication is essential to the work that we do. We cannot do it without you.

Thank you for all that you do!



**CHRISTIAN LIFE
& WITNESS
COURSE**

Deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and discover practical ways to live a life that points others to Him.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
City View Church – San Diego, CA

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Horizon Church – Rancho Santa Fe, CA

All classes offered in both English and Spanish

For information, visit GodLovesYouTour.com/CLWC.

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Colossians 3:17

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”



EAT & GREET

Join us & Share a Free Holiday Meal

Turkey
with all the fixings

**Sunday
November 26
12:15 pm**

- *Play Bingo
- *Listen to live music
- *Redeem a prize

A bag of pantry basics
for each family

Give Thanks

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Community Service

Serving our community is another way that we make a difference for God’s Kingdom here in Lakeside. There are a variety of opportunities, some on a regular basis (i.e. Lakeside HELPS Center) and others on a one-time basis. The church office has a list of activities where we serve. (*See the opportunities to serve in our community on the attached list below)

SCRIP Gift Cards

LCPC offers Scrip gift cards to over 100 retailers like restaurants (Panera Bread, Starbucks, Olive Garden and many more), fast-food eateries, grocery stores (Sprouts, Albertsons, Vons), gas stations, Office Depot, Home Depot, Amazon, Michaels, Nordstrom, and many, many more. Rebates to the church range from 3–12% depending on the retailer and are used to fund ministries here at LCPC. Contact the church office for details of participating retailers and how you can purchase Scrip gift cards.

Recyclable Bottles and Cans

We collect recyclable bottles and cans for cash and use these funds for LCPC ministries.

Retirement Plan Contributions

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) as a gift without incurring taxes.*

Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds

If you directly transfer your appreciated stock to LCPC instead of selling these first, you will not pay any capital gains tax and you may be entitled to a tax deduction.*

Endowment Funds

Create a memorial or legacy gift that will provide a source of support to our church in perpetuity.*

*Consult with your tax advisor to determine your estimated personal tax benefits and/or our church’s treasurer.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

- Ream of Paper for Copy Machine (preferably white paper)
- Paper Cups (Smart & Final - 16oz Hot Cups – Café Collection, 50 cups in a sleeve)
- Tops for Hot Paper Cups (Smart & Final – Tops that fit 16oz Hot Cups)
- Case of Bottled Drinking Water
- Toilet Paper (Costco)
- Paper Towels (Costco)
- Napkins
- Kleenex
- Disinfecting Wipes
 - Call the church office if you have a question about a specific item.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Serving at **Eat & Greet**
- Serving at the **Lakeside Christian HELPS Center**
- Picking up trash at Lindo Lake Park
- Volunteering at the **Lakeside Historical Society**
- Working/Maintaining the Lakeside Community Garden
- Serving at the LCPC Booth at the **Spirit of Christmas** on Maine Ave.
- Serving as a host at **Lakeside Western Days** staging area (takes place at LCPC)
 - Call the church office for details about specific opportunities.

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WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are a variety of ways that you can make a difference in the mission of our church. Your various contributions help us to live out that mission:

To Love God, Love People and Make Disciples of Jesus

Below are a variety of ways that you can help live this mission in our world:

Use your Gifts and Talents in Ministries at LCPC

As a family of faith, your gifts and talents are essential for LCPC to function. We are not the church without you. As each of us use our gifts, we are able to be God’s Kingdom people here in Lakeside, East County and beyond. Your spiritual gifts will help us to be the church and to grow the church. Your talents and skills will help us to function as a church family. We need one another to be the Body of Christ.

Serve on a Committee or as a Deacon

Our church structure functions through the service of two elected offices: **Elders and Deacons**. These are the official ways that we function and run the church. Anyone may volunteer to serve on a committee (You don’t have to be a member to serve on a committee but you do have to be an **Elder** to chair the committee). The standing committees at LCPC are: Spiritual Life (that oversees the worship and outreach), Discipleship and Missions (that oversees education and our mission outreach), Personnel and Preschool Board (that oversees the personnel of the church and serve as the Board of the Preschool), and Stewardship and Property (that oversees the finances of the church and the maintenance of the church buildings and grounds). The **Deacons** function as a separate body and serve the church by giving oversight to the various ministries of care by our church.

Make a Financial Donation In-Person, By Mail, Electronically or Online

You can make a financial donation at our worship services.

Mailing contributions to LCPC – 9908 Channel Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

You can make a direct electronic donation through your financial institution.

You can make online contributions by secure giving through the LCPC website at:

<https://www.lakesidepc.org/give/>

Yearly Pledge cards help us to make financial plans and are available in the church office.

In-Kind Donations

There are a variety of specific, in-kind donations that can be used by the church for various ministry activities. Donations of these items (i.e. a case of bottled water, sleeves of paper cups for coffee, napkins, paper, disinfecting wipes) are helpful so that budgeted money can go toward other ministry causes. Call the church office for what is needed and a list of specific items. (*See below the items that are need). Tax donation receipts are available if you desire. (Continued on page 10)