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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
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Lakeside Christian Helps Center

Presbyterian Missions (shared)

Sudanese Church of San Diego

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

**“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection
and the life. The one who believes in Me
will live, even though they die; and
whoever lives by believing in Me will
never die. Do you believe this?””**

John 11:25-26



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April & May 2024 Newsletter



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

A Healthy Church

Healthy churches come in all shapes and sizes.

Some are large and some are small. They are congregations where multiple generations gather as a faith community and others where congregations are mainly made up of seniors. The demographics (i.e. age, gender, economics, racial make-up) of a healthy church are not the only criteria for vitality. Other factors characterize a healthy church.

Here are **Six Factors that Characterize Healthy Churches:**

- Vital Worship
- Flexibility
- Meaningful relationships
- Transparency
- Education and spiritual formation for complex lives

We want to be a healthy church and to seek to be a church that is known for its health as we live out our mission:

**We Love God, We Love People and We Make
Disciples of Jesus**

So my question to you is what is your role in helping LCPC be a healthy church? We all play a role. Some of us may be involved by serving in some capacity. Some of us may be connected with others at church in meaningful relationships. The thing is, we all play a role in some way in helping LCPC be a healthy church.

Be praying how you can help LCPC be a healthy church as we continue to be the body of Christ here in Lakeside.

Psalm 122

A song of ascents. Of David.

**“I rejoiced with those who
said to me,
“Let us go to the house of
the Lord.””**

SCRIP GIFT CARDS



PLEASE BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS AND HELP SUPPORT SOME OF OUR CHURCH & PRESCHOOL'S PROGRAMS

- ✓ You pay face value, and the church gets a percentage of the purchase back.
- ✓ We have order forms available, and a list of hundreds of cards available.
- ✓ Ask Jan Warren, Nancy Adams, or Suzy Smith for more information.
- ✓ Orders are placed on the last Sunday of the month, and are available to be picked up the following Sunday.

CAN YOU HELP?

**PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND CHURCH, BUT NEED A RIDE.
If you can help, please call the Church Office, 619-443-1021.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

PADRES BASEBALL GAME ON SUNDAY, JULY 14 PADRES VS BRAVES

Come join us as we attend the Padres vs the Atlanta Braves on Sunday, July 14. The game starts at 1:00pm and we will try and carpool from church to the game. Tickets are \$35 per ticket, cash or check (write 'Padres' on memo line), and there are a limited number of seats available in our section. Contact the church office or Pastor Tim for details and to buy your tickets. We will need your mobile number to send you your tickets. Sign up Sundays at the Greeter's table.

"THE CHOSEN" – SEASON 2, 5:30-7PM IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM STARTING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Come join us to watch Season 2 of "The Chosen" and learn more about Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. Bring your own dinner and we will provide water to drink. We will watch the show at 6pm, followed by a short discussion. No need to RSVP.

Best Wishes to you!

Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Pastor Tim Avazian
- 14 - Evan Hilley
- 15 - Mark Vettel
- 18 - Nancy Adams
Ron Hilley
- 20 - Geri Goodale
Ed Wilson
- 21 - Cliff Leary
- 22 - Tyrese Hylton-Gordon
John Neumeister
Bill Tagney
- 26 - Brooks Noble
- 30 - Don Hillberg

Happy Anniversary!

- 10 - Rufi & Vicky Macagba



Ephesians 2:10
"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Free registration for 2023-2024
Enroll Today 619-443-2887

Preschool Enrollment

Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum, small class size, offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing, faith based environment.

Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center

SUBSIDIES OFFERED

Contact us : www.lakesidepc.org

Our preschool has been serving our community and nurturing children since 1953!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PRESCHOOL

Hello Families!

April is here and hopefully we are done with the showers; we have had so much rain and are looking forward to some sunny spring days!

We had such a busy March; we had the Irish Dancers for St. Patrick's Day, Fire Department Assembly, Sheriff Department and an Easter Egg Hunt.

This month, we have a library field trip, Open House and Western Day! The Lakeside Rodeo will be coming to visit on Western Day!

Open House will be Thursday, April 25th; this will be an opportunity for children to show their classroom and the work they have been doing.

Until next month,
La Teresa Oropeza, Preschool Director

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
STARTING MONDAY, APR. 8, AT 3:00PM,
IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM**

Let's study God's Word together.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

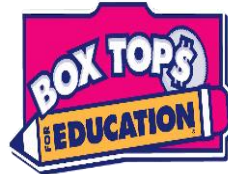
All men are invited on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room.

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.

BOX TOP\$ NEWS – KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Our Preschool has earned \$28.20, to date, from your submitted receipts. The beauty of this easy program is to simply turn in your receipts to the church within 14 days of purchase. The church will submit your receipt and if any item you purchased was identified with a Box Top\$, the preschool earns money. If you download the Box Top\$ APP, you can submit digital receipts too. Remember there are over 80 brands and 350 participating products that have the Box Top\$ logo. Thank you for your continued support.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT
JULIAN CHRISTIAN RETREAT MAY 26-27!**

Look for more details closer to the event date, in the Sunday bulletins

Acts 16:30-31
“He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER NEWS

The Center needs clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, sheets, pillows, and towels; 16oz, or smaller, bottles of water; easy pop-top cans of chili, pork & beans, and fresh/canned fruit/vegetables.

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**

Both of these organizations are in need of men and women's clothes and shoes (**special request for shoe size 10 and up**), hygiene supplies, underwear (new), snacks, bike patch kits, batteries, tents, tarps, backpacks, and 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.

A poster for 'Western Days Eat & Greet' framed by a barbed wire border. At the top, it says 'Sunday, April 28. . . 12:15 pm' next to a cactus icon. Below that is a wooden sign that reads 'WESTERN DAYS EAT & GREET' with cowboy hats on either side. The menu includes 'Free Community Lunch', 'Barbecue Pork & Chicken Sandwiches', and 'Chips & Salad'. It also lists 'Games', 'Door Prizes', and 'Live Music'. At the bottom, there are two cartoon cowboys, one saying 'yee-haw!', and the contact information for Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church: '9908 Channel Road, Lakeside', 'www.lakesidepc.org . . 619-443-1021'. A cowboy hat and boots are also depicted at the bottom left.

REBUILDING WITH FAITH

Submitted by Sheila King

In the book of Nehemiah, the ancient walls of Jerusalem had deteriorated. Nehemiah was a Jewish cupbearer to the King of Persia. Nehemiah asked the King to allow him to rebuild the walls. The walls which at one time were a mighty fortress protected Jerusalem; but since long ago, laid in ruins in part due to time and neglect. In response to Nehemiah's prayer, God influenced the King's heart and allowed Nehemiah and a small group to return to Jerusalem and begin the rebuild. During the process many complained that the rebuilding took too long, they didn't want to spend the time or energy reconstructing a building when other more "spiritual" or tangible wants were desired. Nehemiah was not deterred in his commitment. When the wall was rebuilt, it represented a recommitment to God, to the lives of the people, and to the community.

Now I ask that you think about the similarities with our church and the deteriorated state of the buildings. The Fellowship Hall-Preschool building was constructed in 1953 while the sanctuary was constructed in 1962. Overtime, we became complacent and put off major maintenance. Yes, we made some improvements along the way, but overall, too little was done.

Today we are undergoing our own Nehemiah moment by using some of the funds from the sale of the preschool houses. As you may recall, the funds from the sale were to be used for missions, revenue income, and renovations. In support of the renovations, the Property Committee actively is awarding contracts and overseeing the property improvements.

The new roofs are very costly, consuming almost 2/3 of the funds allocated for the renovations. The roofs revealed severe rot and termite damage, which explains all of the ceiling leaks we have experienced for years. Additionally, there are two sanctuary structural beams and posts with severe rot, a covered walkway with damage and rot that will also be repaired.

Improvements to ensure safety, such as new concrete and grinding to remove tripping hazards have been completed, and upgrading restrooms to accommodate the disabled are in the works. As a church that loves God's people, it is imperative we provide a safe campus and a place of worship that eliminates mobility barriers from attending.

The landscape improvement around the sign, will begin shortly after nearly 5 years from when Dorothy Woods, who has since passed away, paid for landscape architectural plans. I hope she is looking down at us, pleased we didn't give up.

These improvements have consumed all of the funds allocated from the preschool house sale and the Facilities and Narthex Upgrade Funds.

There are still other areas we would like to improve along with establishing a schedule for routine major maintenance. This will be possible, but only if you, the congregation, are willing to support a special fund in addition to your regular tithes and offerings. In the coming months we will gather information to indicate areas of unfinished work and the best ways to initiate and communicate building fund needs. The construction of our sanctuary was financed by the congregation who pledged an amount and followed through with their commitment. We know with prayer, and your financial commitment, LCPC will continue to demonstrate an outward and inward commitment to God, to the lives of the people, and to the community.

MOVIE REVIEW

Submitted by Sheila King

Each month in our New Connections newsletter, a book review is submitted by a member of our church or by the Pastor. This in lieu of a book review, I am writing a movie review. On March 10, nine women from our church went to Mission Valley's AMC 20 Theater to watch, Cabrini. The film was released by Angel Studios, and directed by Alejandro Monteverde, from The Sound of Freedom.

The focus of the movie is on Mother Francesca Cabrini, played by Cristiana Dell'anna, and her missionary work along with six Catholic sisters from Lombardy, Italy to Five Points, New York (a horrific ghetto area in Manhattan) in 1889. The very beginning of the film, depicts the beautiful countryside of Italy and spoken in Italian with English subtitles, which later is all in English as the scenes move to America. Mother Cabrini, desperately seeks missionary work in China, yet is refused multiple times by the church. Not wanting to give up on serving the destitute, she goes to the Vatican and demands to speak to the Pope Leo XIII, played by an Oscar-nominated, Giancarlo Giannini. The Pope denies Cabrini's request and instead sends her and the sisters to New York. Once off the boat, Cabrini is faced with the harsh reality of racism against the Italians, hearing vulgar, derogatory language being spewed at them because of their ethnicity. Cabrini, climbing into the sewers, retrieves orphaned children living among the rats and brings the children to the make-shift orphanage in Five Points. Neither of the religious leaders (Parish Priest or New York Archbishop, played by actor David Morse) supported her endeavors and often subverted Cabrini and the sisters in every way. Despite the lack of the church's patriarchy support, Cabrini's efforts began to make a difference.

The film's underlying themes are gently woven. Christian themes of serving the poor, feeding, teaching, perseverance, faith, and we are all God's children regardless of the color of our skin, background, language, or gender are themes throughout the film. As the sisters contemplate which material to purchase for making the children's uniforms, Cabrini instructed the sister to purchase the better material, because the children need to feel they matter, they are important. In other words, when giving, give your best and not your leftovers.

Actor John Lithgow plays the New York Mayor, who threaten Cabrini's missionary work by imposing fines, having her arrested, and even setting fire to a hospital she was in the process of building. Eventually the mayor reversed his position, but only after Cabrini told him she would make sure the American citizens of Italian, Polish, Jewish, and Irish ancestry would be voting and she would let it be known of his political antics. One of many excellent lines was: "I think I'm being threatened by a nun" and "you would have made a great man." The dialog between actors was engaging and often witty.

The film exposes that in spite of health frailties, Cabrini suffered from a severe heart ailment, God can use us. Doing God's work is never easy and there will be setbacks, some from within your community of believers, and lastly have faith and trust in knowing God is in control and can accomplish all things.

The 140-minute movie concludes showing that Cabrini established 67 hospitals, orphanages and schools on six continents. The ending song, "Dare to Be" was sung beautifully by Andrea Bocelli and his grand-daughter Virginia Bocelli. This is a film worth seeing, but sadly many Christian films do not receive the credit they well deserve.