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Lakeside Christian Helps Center
Presbyterian Missions (shared)
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When you finish reading this newsletter,
please share it with family and neighbors.

Titus 3:5
**“Not by works of righteousness
which we have done, but according
to His mercy, He saved us, by the
washing of regeneration, and
renewing of the Holy Spirit...”**




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September & October 2025 Newsletter



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Child-like in God’s Kingdom

“He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them. ³ And He said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁵ And whoever welcomes one such child in My Name welcomes Me.”
Matthew 18:1-5

When Emily, one of my twin daughters, was young, she came up with a list of things that she likes to do. Here is what she wrote:

1. I like to play, 2. Write, 3. Read, 4. Run,
5. Play computer, 6. Ride my bike, 7. Love, 8 Like,
9. Go to church, 10. Go to Grammy’s house,
11. Sleep over, 12. Kiss, 13. Hug, 14. Write a list,
15. Watch TV, 16. Watch my plants grow,
17. Draw, 18. Look at pictures, 19. Swim

I love this list. It is simple and child-like but includes things that any adult would want to do!

So, what would you put on your “To Do” list?

I wanted to suggest to you a list that helps you refocus on the simple things of life. It is a short list with simple things to do, like that of a child.

With Emily’s list as a guide, here are four simple things to do:

1. **Play** – Take time this month to go and play. Nothing strenuous or exhausting. Just a simple game – maybe with family and friends. It could be a card game with a friend or board games with neighbors. How about a game of freeze tag with your kids or grandkids? Relax and enjoy. While you are at it, say “thanks” to the Lord for play.
2. **Write a Note** – Take a few moments and write a note of encouragement to someone you know that is recovering from surgery or is homebound and can’t get out. Maybe you have a friend who is going through a difficult time in life and could use some kind words. Let them know that you are praying for them. Getting a note from someone that says you care is a great thing in life.
3. **Wiggle Your Toes in the Sand** – There is nothing better than walking barefoot in the sand at the beach, especially during these hot days of September and October in San Diego.
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Wiggle those toes in the sand. Look out over the ocean and see what God has created. Better yet, take your barefooted walk along the beach at sunset, and take in the beauty of God’s creation.

4. **Love and Like** – In our busy lives, it seems like the most important things, like telling someone you love them or doing a kind act gets pushed aside and then forgotten. Take some time to tell someone you love them. Spend some time with a friend just because you like them and take them out for a scoop of ice cream. Do a simple act that will tell that person you care about them.

May we be more child-like and be a part of God’s Kingdom here as it is in heaven.

**JOIN US LABOR DAY WEEKEND: AUG. 29-SEPT. 1,
AT THE JULIAN CHRISTIAN RETREAT**

The Retreat is reserved for the LCPC family over the Labor Day weekend. There is time for attending worship in Lakeside and then make it up in time to attend in Julian. There will be a message given by Greg Tyree on Sunday, August 31, at 12:15pm, followed by lunch around 1:00pm. The Retreat Board will provide a tasty meal; attendees are welcome to bring sides and desserts, but they are not necessary. We hope you can make it!

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, AFTER WORSHIP

We are having a good, old-fashioned, all-church potluck on Sunday, September 7, right after church! We are going to have a pasta lunch, with y’all bringing the garlic bread, salads, and desserts. Sign up after church (or call the church office) to bring something. We can use your help with set up and clean up, so you can sign up for that, too. If you have questions, contact Pastor Tim, Joanne Laird, or call the church office.

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SEPTEMBER 14 | ROOMS 1&2 | 11:00AM**

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Best Wishes to you!

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Cheri Rega
- 6 - Sheila King
- 11 - Ann Brady
- 13 – Kristyne Krebs
- 17 - Shirley Wilson
- 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
Karyn Avazian
- 28 - Marie Hart
- 29 - Pastor Bob Mentze

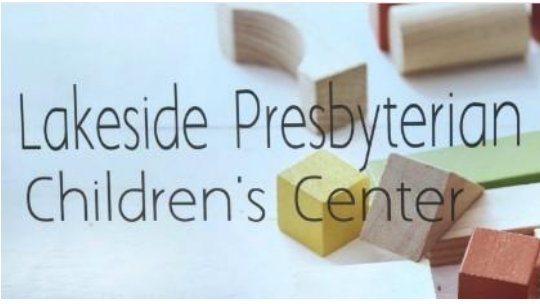
SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 - Scott & Kimberly Janes

OCTOBER

- Pastor Appreciation month
- 8 - Petra Rich
- 14 - Joan Mentze
Linda Sunkel
- 23 - Terry Pisciotta
- 30 - Tarich Hylton-Gordon

NO OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Our preschool has been serving our community and nurturing children since 1953.
Call the school office and find out more about our great program at

**619-443-2887, or
preschool@lakesidepc.org.
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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.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Center needs canned fruit, pop-top cans of soup/pasta, personal hygiene: toothpaste/brushes, deodorant; blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, and ponchos; and 16oz, or smaller, bottles of water. 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.

MILITARY OUTREACH MISSION – SAN DIEGO (MOMSD)

As new junior enlisted personnel and their families enter the San Diego area, they are in need of the material things of life to settle here. Presently, the MOM organization is very low on diapers of all sizes, kitchen supplies such as dishes, glasses, flatware, and cookware. MOM will take gently used bedding/linens/towels, children's clothing, toys, and small appliances. Small items can be placed in the MOM white box in the foyer/narthex, or the church office. Thank you for your help with this worthy cause!

GOLF4GOOD & NEW DAY URBAN MINISTRIES

GOLF-DINNER-AUCTION: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

You are invited to the Golf4Good's annual event, whose sole purpose is to raise funds to benefit New Day Urban Ministries, an inner-city outreach of the Presbytery of San Diego. The event takes place at La Valle Coastal Club (Formerly Morgan Run), 5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, CA. Shotgun Start: 12:00pm.

For questions or to register, please contact:

Bruce Huebner at (858) 354-9871, or bahuebners@gmail.com.

EAST COUNTY TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (ECTLC)

A place where lives are transformed from homelessness and hopelessness to a life of dignity and purpose. 1527 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA, 619-442-0457.

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED & MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT ECTLC:

- Clothing donations may be dropped off Mon-Fri, from 7am-4pm.
- **Food donations: call ahead to make arrangements with the Head Chef.**

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

We are incredibly grateful to God for you and your loving service to the church and the community. We want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed.

God bless you and for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.

NEW! WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Join us beginning Monday, September 15 at 3:00pm in the Fireside Room for a new 8-week Bible study on the Book of Proverbs. Using a video series highlighting six women Bible teachers, we will take an in depth look at wisdom principles found in everyday topics such as work, friendship, marriage, parenting, neighborliness, money management, leadership influence, and more. Join us as we discover the wisdom of Proverbs as an invitation to steadily walk God's way in God's world.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS

For the month of September, we will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday, then we return to the usual dates, in October (1st/3rd Monday). All men are welcome to join us at 7pm, in the Fireside Room.

CAN YOU HELP?

PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND CHURCH, BUT NEED A RIDE.

If you can help, please call the Church Office, 619-443-1021.

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.

LADIES: DISCOVER THE ARTIST IN YOU!

**All women are invited to join us on Saturday, September 20,
in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.**

ArtBeat San Diego will provide instructions and all the art supplies. Cost is \$30.00. Please pay cash or make check payable to Sheila King, and write ArtBeat on the check memo line. Please arrive at 1:30pm to allow everyone time to show up, have a snack, and mingle before painting begins at 2pm. Sign up on the patio and invite a friend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

WOMEN GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (G.I.F.T.)

FRI. 17 AT 7PM BUNCO BOO-TACULAR, COSTUMES & SNACKS

All women are invited to an evening of Bunco (dress up for fun is encouraged), food, and a ton of laughter! The game is easy to play and the rules are pretty simple; we don't want to think too much...we just want to have fun!



THANK YOU PASTOR TIM! WE APPRECIATE YOU

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Join the Session, Deacons, and staff in the month of October and send a note of well wishes to Pastor Tim for his love of God, LCPC, and our community.



BOX TOP\$ CHALLENGE

Box Tops is a type of school fundraising program sponsored by General Mills and now includes Progresso, Betty Crocker, Annies, Lysol, Cascadian Farms, Motts, Blue Pet Treats, Muir Glen, Nature Valley, Paper Mate, Yoplait, and Haagen-Dazs ice cream to name a few. Schools can earn 10 cents for every qualifying product purchased. All that is required is to download the Box Tops app then select Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center and scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase. If your order contained any BoxTops products, the school is automatically credited and will receive a check once a year.

This is such an easy way to support our wonderful preschool and if you don't want to download the app all you need to do is turn in your receipt to the church. No cutting the BoxTops logo. Last year the preschool earned a little over \$25.00 so let's see if we can double the amount this year.

Each month Box Top identifies multiple challenges. The bonus offers vary, with some earning up to .60 cents when any two BoxTop products are purchased, or other similar challenges including special offers from WalMart, Albertson's and even Costco! Remember every cent earned eventually turns into dollars and that money goes towards the children at our preschool. Next time you're shopping look for the BoxTops logo on products from cereals, baking, frozen food, meals & sides, nutrition shakes, pet treats, household cleaning, school & office supplies and turn in your receipt to the church or scan the receipt using the BoxTops app.

Revelation 15:3-4

“And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Your ways, O King of saints.

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your Name? for You only art Holy: for all nations shall come and worship before You; for Your judgments are made manifest.”

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WEBSITE, YOUTUBE, INSTAGRAM IS AN OUTREACH

Our average weekly attendance for Sunday service is between 65 – 70. According to Lifeway Research article in 2021 the average church attendance was 65 and attendance has only declined especially in mainline Protestant churches. However not all is bad news for the growth of the church. In fact, post-pandemic small churches are now growing faster than large churches, <https://www.churchtrac.com/articles/the-state-of-church-attendance-trends-and-statistics-2023>.

Generation classifications are often over simplified stereotypes; however, research articles use the terms to address common traits based on the age groups. Boomers (born 1946-1964), Gen X (1965-1980), Millennials aka Gen Y (1981-1996), and Gen Z (born 1997 - 2012); generation names are based on when members of that generation become adults (18-21) this group won't have a name until 2030. So, what does this have to do with church?

While the best way for a church to grow in attendance is through a personnel invitation, it isn't the only way. Churches such as LCPC use social media platforms to reach people of all ages. Social media when used properly is a tool to share a church's culture, invitation to a small group, prayer, worship service and announce events and even hear the Word be preached. Depending upon the type of media; Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, etc. each generation has their preference. Being active on each platform reaches the different demographics.

Looking for a church using the internet is the new normal. New to an area? Yelp and Google reviews may persuade someone to check out the church. Websites that are current and provide information such as beliefs, small groups, children/nursery care, missional service opportunities provide critical information when searching for a church.

Our website WordPress statistics show Jan-July 2025 received 1.63K visitors and had 3.63K views and from when we first launched our current website (www.lakesidepc.org) in 2010 we have had over 404.6K visitors. Currently LCPC Facebook has 577 followers, Instagram 107 followers, and YouTube 173 subscribers. The numbers who have viewed these sights without subscribing runs into the thousands. LCPC use of a social media platform, which are all free, allows us to reach the different age groups around the world to share the message of Jesus's salvation and hope found in Jesus Christ.

Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church live-streams 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: (619) 443-1021, or at office@lakesidepc.org, or visit our website: lakesidepc.org.

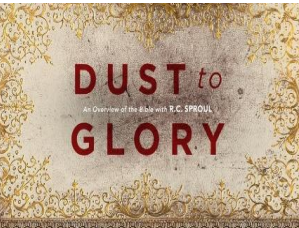
A SWEET FRIENDSHIP REFRESHES THE SOUL, PROVERBS 27:9

All women are welcomed to participate in the many get togethers we have throughout the year. We especially want to encourage you to bring a friend because the more the merrier. LCPC’s women’s ministry, Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) is a testament to the truth found in Proverbs 27:9.

Last spring around 10-12 women participated in a Saturday Women’s Retreat at the Pine Hills Bible Conference Center. The guest speaker talked about the blessings of Friendship and that it is a gift from God. The Bible has so many encouraging verses pertaining to friendship that it is incumbent for each of us to reach out and share this wonderful gift.

Ladies you are invited you to join us for Monday’s Women Bible Study at 3:00pm or come to one of the monthly events. The remaining 2025 get togethers include: ArtSD paint in the Fellowship Hall in September, Bunco in October, Summer’s Past Craft Fair in November and a Service Outreach planned in December.

G.I.F.T Ministry provides us different ways to grow spiritually. Your participation made it possible to care for the expectant mother and newborn by donating items during the Friendship Tea. Your unwrapped gifts were donated to the Pregnancy Care Clinic which in turn makes it possible to provide life affirming pregnancy care for the new mother and baby. We also grow in our faith by learning through Bible studies and retreats. We make new friends and strengthen and encourage one another through fun events. So before the year ends, come join us if you haven’t participated.



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Revelation 5:12-13
“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.
And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
FALL
Prayer Quilt Sale

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SALE INCLUDES:	REMEMBER YOUR GIFT LIST FOR:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quilted Items• Knitted Children’s Items• Other Handcrafted Items• Homemade Jams• Other Homemade Pastries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family• Friends• Neighbors• Care packages• Thank you to service providers, etc.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19, 2025
Time: at 9:00-9:45AM & 10:45-12:00PM
Classrooms 1 & 2

**PLEASE COME JOIN US
AND START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY
WITH QUALITY, HANDCRAFTED, & UNIQUE GIFTS!**
Don’t miss out on the perfect gift
for your special loved ones!

CASH, CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons meet on the second Sunday of each month following Worship Service, except in May, which is skipped due to Mother’s Day, and other holiday weekends. There are currently ten LCPC members serving as your Deacons: Mark Vettel, Moderator; Vice Moderator, Suzy Smith, Ruth Boudreau, Curt Clark, Chris Crawford, Karen Evers, Marilyn Gilbert, Suzy Smith and Shirley Wilson, Secretary.

With grateful hearts for the generosity of the members of LCPC, the Deacons are thankful for the special Communion offerings to the Deacon Fund in April and May, in the amount of \$1,046. Your donated funds help the Deacons aid the needy, both in our church family, and the community.

At their meeting held Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 11:00am, in the Fellowship Hall, they gathered to attend to Deacon Business for LCPC. After approving the minutes of the April 11th Deacon meeting, they received the financial report prepared by the Church Treasurer, Garry Smith. In April and May, the Deacons continued their monthly \$50 donation to the Neighborhood Health Care Agency, which helps provide prescription medication to needy children. Deacons also use funds to replace supplies for communion Sundays. Periodically the Deacons purchase gift cards through the Scrip Gift card program to refill the church office’s gift cards, for the needy. So far in May \$100 in gift cards were approved to issue to neighbors in need food. In June the Deacons voted to grant a church member family request for \$1,000 for moving expenses. As of May 31, 2025, the Deacons had a balance of \$3,742.84.

A memorial reception was held on August 9, 2025, for Bob Wray, following the Memorial Service.

Carmen Bunch continues to send greeting cards to church members on the prayer list, and birthday greetings.

The Deacons will hold their next meeting Sunday September 14, 2025, at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving website accepts Apple Pay, PayPal, Google Pay, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and your bank auto-payment. Online Give is a secure site. It's easy, safe and you control when, the amount, and how often you wish to give. Thank you for your generosity.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY LABOR DAY!
The church office will be closed Monday, September 1.
Regular hours resume Tuesday, September 2.

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.

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 funds for shipping and Gospel lessons. 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.

How to give monetary donations: please make your check payable to LCPC and in the note field write: OCC (Operation Christmas Child) or 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, ApplePay 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, teach the children, parents and villages of God's Word.

May God richly bless you,

Discipleship/Missions Committee

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PRAYER CORNER & REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
(New prayer requests listed in Sunday’s bulletin are in BOLD.
Please call the church office to update our prayer list.)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAMARITAN'S PURSE

"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."
Mark 10:14, ESV

Last year, together as one body (church and preschool) provided 54 Christmas boxes along with providing 12 Gospel lessons for each child. Our boxes were delivered to the Philippines.

LCPC supports Operation Christmas Child as one of our missional outreaches. We ask for your prayers for the success and seek your time and financial support. Our goal this year is to fill 70 boxes (average Sunday attendance & one box per preschool classroom) and \$10.00 per box to cover the cost of shipping and providing 12 Gospel lessons, "The Greatest Journey."

CHRISTMAS PACKING PARTY!

We will collect items throughout October and have a packing party in the Fellowship Hall to fill the boxes with your gifts. Monetary donations will allow us to purchase items and pay for the shipping costs and Gospel lessons. Together we will hold a **Christmas Packing Party the first week of November.** Let's have fun and pack a box while we nosh on appetizers.

Plan on attending the packing party, it really is a fun event, but only if you participate. Everyone is invited from little ones to seniors. This year experience the joy of giving and making a difference in a child's life.

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to drop off 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.

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 - Consider giving a "WOW" item such as a 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).

**Sunday, September 28
12:15 pm**

**EAT & GREET
TACO SALAD BAR**

**Welcome to All
Join Us for a Free Meal**

Tacos, Salad, & Toppings:
salsa, guacamole, tomatoes, onions, cheese, sour cream
Dessert

Bingo & Door Prizes

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EAT & GREET COMMUNITY LUNCH & LIVE MUSIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 12:15PM

If you have not yet experienced the ambiance of gathering with our neighbors and church community, you are missing out on great live music by Jukebox Generations, fun games, door prizes, and lunch! This month, our amazing team is preparing a Taco Salad bar with toppings, a side of salad, and dessert. It is all free, and everyone is welcome.

We'll see you in the Fellowship Hall!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

You have probably noticed all the work that has been done around our church campus. It has been a productive couple of months that has seen the completion of our ADA bathrooms, new flooring in the Narthex, and a new front door that transforms the Narthex and entryway into the Sanctuary. Our nursery is also being refreshed and upgraded for a new infant care center that will be an addition to our Preschool. Thank you to Sheila King, Joe Conard, Mark Vettel and so many of you who have lifted up prayers and provided funding to make these improvements a reality. The following highlights actions of Session to support the vision of our church as a welcoming place of worship and an outreach into our community.

1. Session approved a landscaping project bid by O’Connell Landscaping, that is now moving forward. Project is part of the County Waterscape Rebate Program. A “town hall meeting” was held on August 17th to share project plans with the Congregation.
2. Vacation Bible School was held August 5-7, with our Children’s Center. Approximately 25 children attended. It was a wonderful three days of learning how the love of Jesus is seen at home and throughout the world. David and Linda Ringenberg, MAF Papua, and Leona Edic, Literacy and Evangelism International, visited and gave the children insight into their missionary work. Thank you to La Teresa, Sheila King, Joanne Laird and all the Preschool teachers and volunteers who helped to make this a success for our Preschool families.
3. “Christmas in July” was a success with contributions totaling \$1800; Session approved distributing these donations to our three missionary families (Edics, Ringenberg’s and Riggs) of \$600 each.
4. Our annual Prayer Quilt Ministry (PQM) was approved for October 19th to be held before and after Worship. Session also approved the week of October 26 as the kick-off to collect funds for MOM’s Thanksgiving Baskets; December 9th is the date for the Christmas Store that we host every year for junior military families.
5. Approved the donation to Kingdom Builders (Pastor Daniel Nunez) from our “pennies for Jesus” collection (started in VBS and then opened to congregation). Pastor Tim has yet to count all the pennies collected!
6. Session approved the following facility projects as part of our vision to continue upgrading and transforming our church campus.
 - A bid from SingleFin Construction, Inc. for \$49,320 (plus a permit fee of \$779.40) for Glue Lam Beam work in our Sanctuary. Funds to come from monies generated by sale of the Pre-School Houses.
 - Nursery Painting by Contractor, Z Pro. NTE \$2000 from Facilities Fund C305.
 - Creation of a “New Account C035a” to track Landscaping expenses.
 - The purchase of a 98” Smart TV[TCL] from Costco. Purchase includes tax & Installation. Cost of \$1614.48 will come from E 504 Equipment & Furnishings.
7. Church Balance (as of July 31st): **-\$28,339.10**. Note that utility expenses rose significantly during July.

CHURCH LIBRARY

The LCPC church library is available to everyone. The library is located in Rooms 1 -2 and is primarily a self-service procedure. There is a notebook where you list the book you are borrowing and upon return simply write the date returned. Then place the returned book in the adjacent basket. The library has a selection of Christian fiction, Bible study references, theological and inspirational books. There is also a selection of DVDs.

Since the room is only open for a short time after the worship service you may wish to browse the catalog online. You may search by book title, author, or available categories. The library link is on the church website under “Ministries” and then “Discipleship”.

The direct link is: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/LCPC-Library>
Highlights of some of the library categories and books will be in upcoming newsletters.

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”
(Colossians 2:6 & 7)

Growing deeper in our relationship with Christ is something that we all should desire. We want to be more and more like Him.

So how do we do that?

Is it by doing more: praying more, fasting, memorizing Scripture, studying the Bible more, being more generous? It is yes to all of those things but when I think about those spiritual disciplines, I get tired. It seems like more of a burden, another thing to do.

But Jesus is quoted in Matthew chapter 11 saying that He provides an “easy yoke” and that His “burden is light.” Here is what He said:

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

So how do we integrate these spiritual disciplines into our lives but not make them a burden or a legalistic litmus test? How do we take Jesus’ words at their face value, that *“His yoke is easy and His burden is light?”*

At the end of September, we are going to once again provide everyone with the opportunity to learn on how to do this. We are going to offer the video class Practicing the Way which accompanies the book, Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer.

So if you would like to join us on Wednesday, starting September 24, you can by signing up in the church office. If you have questions, you can contact Pastor Tim.