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(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace
Alone - Christ Alone –
To the Glory of God Alone)
“A Confessing Presbyterian Church”



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

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:45AM
KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45AM
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – 11:00AM
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – 9:30 & 10:45AM



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January & February 2026, Newsletter



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

66 in '26

Have you ever made a New Year's resolution that you were going to read the entire Bible throughout the year? If you have been a Christ-follower for any length of time I bet that you have, and if you are like me, after about a month, you fall behind and then give up. It gets frustrating.

Well, let me encourage you to try again this year to read the entire Bible but this time, do it with others at LCPC, as together, we read the 66 books of the Bible in 2026.

We are going to follow the one-year guide provided by The Bible Recap. You can read the Bible daily following the plan or you can listen to the Bible on your phone or computer by connecting to the Bible Recap website (www.thebiblerecap.com). We will print out the weekly Bible readings passages and we will also offer some small groups (in person and on-line) to help encourage one another to read the entire Bible in 2026.

The thing I like about the Bible Recap is that after each reading there is a summary of what was read by the host, Tara-Leigh Cobble. She does a good job of giving a

synopsis so when you slog through a chapter in the Bible that doesn't make sense, Tara-Leigh's summary helps to pull things together. I think that you will really like it.

So let me encourage you to read the Bible in 2026. Whether you are a new Christ-follower or have been a Christian all your life, let 2026 be the year that you read the entire Bible.

My prayer is that by reading God's Word each day, you and I will be changed persons, walking closer with Jesus in being His disciple.

Happy New Year!

66 in '26 - READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Before you read God's Word, seek His help with these five prayers:

1. God, give me wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
2. God, let any knowledge I gain serve to help me love You and others more, and not puff me up.
3. God, help me see something new about You I've never seen before.
4. God, correct any lies I believe about You or anything I misunderstand.
5. God, direct my steps according to Your Word.

ANNUAL RETREAT BOARD LUNCHEON

January 11, 2026, 12:15pm. Lakeside Boll Weevil Restaurant

You are invited to join us for our lunch and learn about all the activities, updates, and how our retreat impacts families and organizations throughout the year. The retreat is a Christian-oriented family camp, which is located in the Pine Hills area near Julian. We have five A-frame cabins with heating; a spacious meeting and activities hall with a fireplace and heating; an amphitheater with large stage area; a kitchen with a dining room attached; and restrooms and showers. This is another way we serve our community. We look forward to seeing you at the lunch.

ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 18, 2026

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

On Wednesday, February 18, the **Forty Days of Lent** begin, marking the beginning of the Christian Season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday, is an opportunity for those who follow Christ to "journey" with Christ to the cross and mark a deeper time of "remaining in Him."

Begin Lent with the spiritual exercise of the "Imposition of Ashes." It is a reminder of our frailty ("From dust you have come and dust you will return.") and that we need Christ in the midst of our fragile walk here on earth.

We will offer two different opportunities on Wednesday to do this exercise with **"Drive-Thru" Imposition of Ashes from 12-2pm** at the church parking lot. Then in the evening at LCPC **at 6pm**, we will have a "Prayer Service" which will include the **Imposition of Ashes**.

Mark your calendar and make this the start of your Lenten journey this year.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BEST WISHES TO YOU!

JANUARY

1 - CJ Ringenberg
12 – Colena Hall
13 - Karen Evers
17 - Liz Smith
20 - Jennifer Hillberg
28 - Edward Neumeister



NO JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

1 - Kim Janes
3 - Bob Lightcap
13 - Bonnie Schirmer
21 - Scott Janes
22 – Stephanie Breiningen
26 - Denise Ruvalcaba
27 - Carol Vacin

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

22 - Bill & Lisa Hultman
24 - Bret & Heidi Ball
26 – Pete & Jolene Rich
26 – Adam & Angela Large

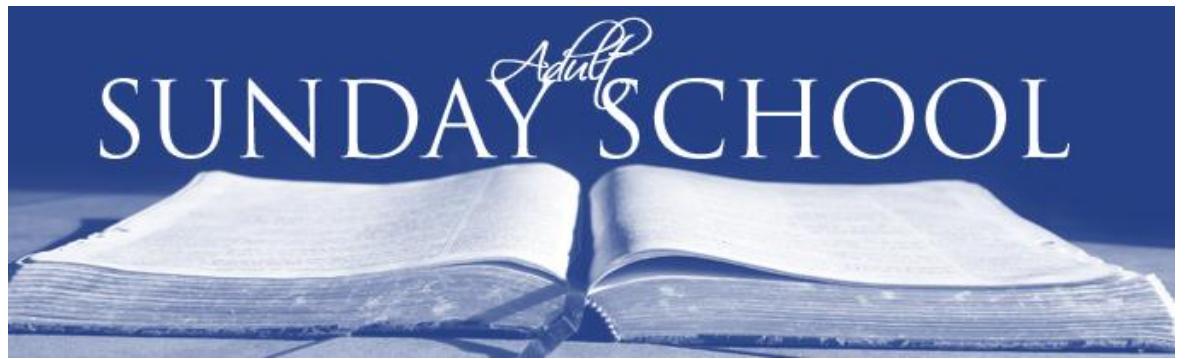
SCRIP GIFT CARDS YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SOME OF YOUR CHURCH & SCHOOL'S SMALL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Thank you to everyone who supports our preschool and church with small projects through our Scrip Gift Card program.

- ✓ You pay face value, and the church gets back a percentage of the card purchases.
- ✓ We have order forms and a list of hundreds of cards available.
- ✓ Ask Jan Warren, Nancy Adams, or Suzy Smith for more information.
- ✓ Orders are taken usually on the last Sunday of the month, and are ready for pick up the following Sunday. However, there may be changes in the date orders.

Thank you for your continued support!

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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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study beginning on Monday, January 12. We meet Mondays at 3:00pm in the Fireside Room.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - DUST TO GLORY

**Please join us for the Sunday school hour following worship on January 11.
11:00am in Rooms 1 & 2.**

Join Dr. R.C. Sproul on a unique study tour as he explores the major themes, events, and people that are brought to life in the Bible. Dust to Glory provides a panorama of biblical truth and a starting point to help you understand the content of the Bible.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF PSALMS

All men are invited to attend our study in the Fireside Room. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Come and join other men as we gather in the church sanctuary praying for the Sunday Service and other needs of the church. We meet at 10am every Thursday. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving accepts Apple Pay, PayPal, Google Pay in addition to 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.

Your generosity of gifts is extremely important to us to keep our ministry running, where we continue to see God transforming lives for the purpose of spreading the Gospel.

EAT & GREET

**12:15 pm, Sunday
January 25**

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

**turkey noodle soup
salad, rolls & dessert**



***Games & Door Prizes
*Live Music
by Jukebox Generations**



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2025 ANNUAL REPORTS

A gentle reminder: If you served as Chair of a ministry in 2025, please plan to submit your annual reports to the office in by January 19, 2026. If you need a copy of the prior year's report, contact the Church Office.

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER

The Center needs easy pop-top canned food: tuna, pasta, chili, and pork & beans, and fruit/vegetables, as well as breakfast & granola bars; blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels; 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.

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.

THE CHOSEN – SEASON 5

Join us on Wednesday evenings and watch The Chosen in the Fireside Room at LCPC starting on **January 28 at 5pm**.

The Chosen, (if you don't know) is a television series that depicts the life of Jesus. Each television show reveals a different part of Jesus' story, especially as seen through the eyes of His followers. Each Wednesday, after viewing the episode we will follow with some Q & A so that questions can be asked and we can learn more about Jesus.

On **Wednesdays, beginning January 28** we will start with dinner at 5pm (bring your own but we will provide the water) and then at about 6pm we will watch The Chosen in the Fireside Room. Each episode is about 1 hour long so we will be done by 7pm.

Don't worry if you haven't watched other seasons of The Chosen. You will catch on quickly as to the different characters as they interact with Jesus. **Season 5 focuses on Jesus' final week before the crucifixion**, so we will be watching these episodes during the Season of Lent and they will help us prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

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

1 Peter 1:3

**"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."**

PRAYER QUILT NEWS

Submitted by: Norma Sibbet, Coordinator

The Prayer Quilt group has had a productive couple of months. On October 19th we had our annual sale which was very successful! On November 24th we gathered to pack 50 Thanksgiving meals for the military. Thanks to donations from the Optimists Club in Lakeside and our congregation this was once again a successful event. Then on December 9th we hosted the Christmas shopping event for the MOMs (Military Outreach). Sioux again provided horse driven wagon rides for this event. All of these events were successful only because members of our congregation supported them with their participation!

We have now administered 842 Prayer Quilt dedications. Are you aware that on the back of each of our Prayer Quilts there is a cross? Also, on the back of each quilt there is a personalized label for the recipient which includes their name, date of dedication and an appropriate bible verse. We want to extend our thanks to the members of the congregation for their time to say a prayer for each quilt recipient as they tie a square knot. Please do stop to tie a knot and say a prayer for the recipient, even if you do not know that person. All ties must have a square knot before we give the quilt away to prevent the ties from coming out. Your taking a few minutes to stop at the quilts, say a prayer and tie a knot demonstrates your support for this program! We have received many expressions of gratitude for the quilts and frequent validation of the power of the prayers tied into the quilt.

The Prayer Quilt group is dedicated to our mission and has become a close-knit group of friends. Our group has now grown to 22 members, with only 3 of us "original" members.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 8, 2026

LCPC kicks off the campaign on January 18, and will run through February 8.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is the signature event for Tackle Hunger. This program boasts millions of dollars raised for food charities and thousands of mobilized groups across the country. LCPC can support our local food bank, The Lakeside Christian Helps Center. Each year Souper Bowl demonstrates the power of community mobilization and the importance of local action to Tackle Hunger. Join us for an exciting opportunity to raise funds and collect cans of soup and meals to support our local food charity—all while celebrating the thrill of the Big Game! Let's team up to make a powerful impact in the fight against hunger.

On Sunday, January 18, LCPC will have designated paper bags available to take home and return during the campaign. Please place donations of \$1.00, and or cans of soups, chili, pasta, etc., in the bags and drop them off in the marked box in the foyer / narthex.

Join us as we unite with other communities to Tackle Hunger.