

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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"All members are ministers in Christ's Service."

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2025 ELDERS & DEACONS

Clerk of Session: Linda Sunkel
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Deacons: Suzy Smith, Joy Wray, Ruth Boudreau, Curt Clark, Chris Crawford, Karen Evers, Marilyn Gilbert, Mark Vettel, Jan Warren, Shirley Wilson

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
CHILDREN'S CENTER
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Our Missionaries:

Leona Edic & Jennifer Edic Bryant -

Edic Literacy & Education Ministry

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Dave & Sylvia Riggs -

**Wycliffe Bible Translators, Mexico**

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Dave & Linda Ringenberg -

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Indonesia

Ministries We Support:

Military Outreach Ministry – San Diego (MOMSD)

New Day Urban Ministries

Lakeside Christian Helps Center

Presbyterian Missions (shared)

Sudanese Church of San Diego

Daniel Nunez Kingdom Builders



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November & December, 2025 Newsletter



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Read the Bible in 2026

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."

1 Peter 2:2 & 3

As many of you know, my wife Karyn and I have watched three grandchildren come into our lives over the past 17 months. Charlotte, Joseph, and Asher have been a delightful addition to our family, and it has been amazing and fun to witness their growth.

One of the amazing things is to watch them crave their mother's milk as infants. When they are hungry, they demand it, and when they are full and satisfied, they will fall fast asleep. It is a delightful and precious thing to see.

Well, this past year, the LCPC Elders and I were studying the book of 1 Peter, and when we read the above verse, I asked the question to all of us if we craved reading and studying the Bible like a newborn baby craves milk? My first response was "no" as I thought about my grandkids and their craving for milk.

But then I paused and remembered that throughout 2025, I have been reading the Bible through a Bible reading plan,

The Bible Recap, and that caused me to rethink my answer with a resounding "YES!" I have LOVED reading the Bible everyday this past year; The Bible Recap app on my phone has helped me to do that.

So in 2026, I want to encourage all of us at LCPC to read the Bible together.

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/computer by connecting to the Bible Recap website:www.thebiblerecap.com.

We will print out the weekly Bible readings. We will also offer some small groups (in person and on-line) to help encourage one another to read the entire Bible in 2026.

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John 1:14

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Please join us for our Christmas celebrations

Sunday, Advent Worship Services @ 9:45am

Sunday, November 30 – *Miracles at Christmas: The Prophecies of Christmas*

Sunday, December 7 – *Miracles at Christmas: John the Baptist*

Christmas Around the World - See the many Christmas Crèches from church members set up around the church sanctuary.

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Saturday, December 6 – Spirit of Christmas on Maine Avenue, from 3-7pm, Santa arrives at 5pm, followed by Tree Lighting.

Thursday, December 11 – Preschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 17 - Community Christmas Caroling at the Olde Church on Maine Ave.

Sunday, December 14 – Miracles at Christmas: A Christmas Carol Service

Sunday, December 21 – *Miracles at Christmas: The Incarnation*

Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24 @ 4pm

All are Warmly Invited as we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ with a service of Lessons & Carols!

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**WISHING YOU A HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 –
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 –**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURS. NOV. 27 & FRI. NOV. 28**

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR -

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WED., DEC. 24 & THURS., DEC. 25, & THURS.; JAN., 1, 2026.



Best Wishes to you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 - Chris Goodale
11 - Lisa Hultman
15 - Matthew Rich
20 - Shelly Noble
23 - Jerry Opfer
24 – Bill Hultman
25 – Adam Large
29 – Jessica Fernandez

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

18 - Mike Smith
21 - John Sunkel
30 - Bret Ball
Kevin King

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Declan & Kristyne Krebs
2 - John & Eileen Neumeister
14- Bob & Marie Hart



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.
Lic#370800323**

PRESCHOOL SEE'S FUNDRAISER GOING ON NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 2

The preschool is currently taking orders for their annual See's Candy fundraiser campaign. This year the school's goal is to purchase a Rock-climbing Structure for the playground. Order forms are available in the foyer and church office; for online orders, contact the school or church office for the link. The orders will be available for pick up before Christmas.

Thank you for your continued and generous support!



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THURS. DEC. 11, AT 6PM

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. Please invite family and friends, and join us for our Christmas program on **Thursday, December 11, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.**

OUTREACH MINISTRIES
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKESIDE CHRISTMAS TOY DISTRIBUTION,
SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1-3PM, RISE CITY CHURCH

Lakeside families may sign up at the Lakeside Christian Helps Center to receive toy assistance, Monday, December 1 – 3, (Mon-Wed), from 9:00am-11:00am.

This outreach is specifically for people who live in Lakeside, or attend a Lakeside school or church and need help with Christmas gifts for their newborn through high school children. Volunteers from area churches are encouraged to help on Friday, Dec. 12, with setting up the 'toy store' from 1-3pm, or at the distribution on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 12:15-3:30pm. Call Ralph at 619-933-1309 to sign up.

Toy Donations may be dropped off at Rise City church on Sundays through December 7, between 8:45am and 12pm, or on Friday, Dec. 12, between 11am and 2pm. You may also drop off your donations in the designated box in the LCPC foyer/narthex Sundays, or church office. Please call Ralph if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance and support toward this outreach to our community,
Ralph Goodrich

The Center needs canned fruit; pop-top cans of soup/pasta; personal hygiene: toothpaste/brushes, deodorant; blankets, sheets, pillows, towels; 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 (same hours). If you know of someone who may need a little extra help, the Center may be reached at (619) 561-3488.

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.**

OUTREACH MINISTRIES – CONTINUED

MILITARY OUTREACH MISSION – SAN DIEGO (MOM-SD)

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, and 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 in the church office. Thank you for your help with this worthy cause!

MOM-SD THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It is that time of the year to help some junior enlisted military families have a good Thanksgiving. Your donations of \$50.00 or more are needed to help put together at least 50 boxes of Thanksgiving food. Make your check out to LCPC, and write "Thanksgiving Box" on the memo line. Place donations in the offering plate.

The SDMOM organization will be picking up the food boxes on **Monday, November 24**, to be handed out that afternoon to military families.

Note: LCPC will accept credit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay and Paypal for Thanksgiving Baskets at our LCPC website: www.lakesidepc.org. Go to our GIVE tab, enter the amount, select one time, and click the dropdown to select the applicable fund. Thank you for putting your compassion into action.

MILITARY OUTREACH SAN DIEGO (MOM-SD) CHRISTMAS STORE

The Military Outreach Ministries has invited LCPC to host one of its Christmas stores for the junior enlisted military families. We have accepted and will again assist MOM on this project. The event is planned for the late afternoon and evening of **Tuesday, December 9**. Again this year, Sioux Swart and her crew will give horse-drawn wagon rides. MOM will furnish all the gift items and will organize the running of the store. LCPC will be responsible for set up, volunteers to help families with the shopping, childcare while the parents shop, light refreshments, and clean up.

We will need volunteers for 2 to 3 hour shifts. There will be more information in the church bulletins for the dates to sign up to serve our young military families.

Please keep **Tues., Dec., 9** in mind, and consider helping with this worthy project for our enlisted military families of E-5 and below. You will find the experience rewarding and even fun. Those who helped last year are a testament to the fact. Sioux Swart, Joanne Laird, and Jolene Rich are the contact people for this event.

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

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 are Holy: for all nations shall come and worship before You; for Your judgments are made manifest."

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please check our announcements in Sunday's bulletins for our women's study.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS

All men are invited to join us on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month for our current Bible Study. We meet in the Fireside Room at 7pm.

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.

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.

MILITARY OUTREACH SAN DIEGO (MOM-SD) CHRISTMAS STORE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

LCPC will be hosting the MOM Christmas Store on the late afternoon and evening of Tuesday, December 9. LCPC is responsible for set up, volunteers to help families with shopping, childcare while the parents shop, light refreshments, and clean up. The event will be about 5 hours---3 pm to 8 pm. There will be four crews of people to assist with the Christmas Store: daycare from 5 to 7:15 pm, set up from 3 to 5 pm, assisting the parents with shopping from 4:45 to 7:15 pm, and clean up from 7 to 8 pm. We will need 15 or so volunteers for the event.

Volunteer sign up on the patio will be Nov. 9, 16, 23, & 30, and Dec. 7 is the other date to sign up. Look for the MOM table on the patio. Sioux Swart, Joanne Laird, and Jolene Rich are the contact persons.

Please consider helping with this worthy project for our enlisted military families of E-5 and below. You will find the experience rewarding and even fun. Those who helped last year are a testament to the fact.

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 the date, amount, and how often you wish to give. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, SUNDAY, DEC. 7

Again, this year at LCPC, we are going to celebrate Christ's birth by the sharing of different families' crèches with the rest of the church. If you are willing to share one of your family nativity scenes, bring your crèches between Nov. 9 and Nov. 30, to be displayed Dec. 7. Drop crèches off at the church office, and we will find a place for them to be displayed. Crèches may be taken home after worship, Dec. 24. Please write your name on the bottom of your crèches.

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. To do so contact us at: (619) 443-1021, or at office@lakesidepc.org, or visit our website: lakesidepc.org.

UPDATE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) - 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

LCPC supports Operation Christmas Child as one of our missional outreaches. Our goal is to raise \$2000 or 70, boxes including the \$10.00 per box shipping costs. Monetary donations will allow LCPC to purchase items to fill the boxes and pay for the shipping costs. As in the past, we ask that you always begin with PRAYER. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with compassion and a desire to fill the shoeboxes, and for the Gospel to be heard through this mission outreach.

The filled shoeboxes are more than toys and trinkets because, with the shoebox, the children receive The Greatest Story, 12 lessons in the Gospel, and a New Testament, all in their own language. Check out the display in the Narthex to see a copy of what the children will receive along with the teacher's guide. You will see exactly what each child and teacher receives when we send our shoeboxes.

If you wish to purchase your own items to donate, please place your items in the collection box located in the Narthex. **All donated items must be received by Thursday, Nov. 13. We will sort the items on Friday, Nov. 14, and will have an all-church packing party Saturday, November 15.**

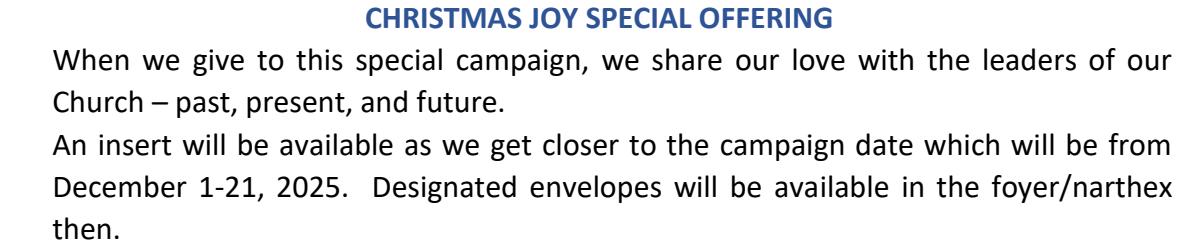
The cost of filling a box can be costly, therefore we encourage giving any monetary amount. Collectively, your donations allow us to purchase items and pay for the shipping.

To give online, go to www.lakesidepc.org to the GIVE page and select 'OCC'. You may be assured that our online giving is secure. You will receive an online confirmation, a thank you, and an end of the year statement via email.

If you prefer to write a check, please write 'OCC' in the memo line and turn it in the offering plate or the office.

Another method is to visit Amazon, "Operation Christmas Child" to purchase an approved, recommended list of packing items. Visit: <https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild>.

Together, on Saturday, November 15, we will have a packing party to fill the shoeboxes, followed by refreshments and food for all volunteers. Once filled, the shoeboxes will be dropped off to Foothills Church the week of November 17, and then transported, to Los Angeles where they will be prepared for the overseas flight.



THE BIG WAR

Our world is full of sin and strife,
Our young folks go to war;
But a bigger war is going on,
A war that's for our Lord.

When our Lord is challenged,
We'll draw upon our sword;
And with only that much knowledge,
We can conquer with His Word.

We'll pray we know discernment,
When evil gives us a test.
And we'll study to show our devotion,
To give the Lord our best.

In this big war we suffer,
When we see what's going on;
But we can all fight in this war,
And keep each other strong.

And the Lord gives us His blessings;
Even though they may not show.
The comfort of His great love,
That gives our hearts a glow.

And the blessings make it worthwhile,
To fight in this big war,
To fight against all evil,
And conquer for our Lord.

- R. Boudreau

RECOGNITION BRICKS

Purchase a brick "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a person or persons special to you. Your brick will be engraved with your personalized message and placed on one of the pathways of our Memorial Rose Garden.

Each Brick is \$30.00, or purchase 2 bricks for \$50.00.

The message will be etched – 3 lines, 18 characters per line.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS SOLD HERE! YOUR PURCHASES OF SCRIP GIFT CARDS HELP TO SUPPORT SOME OF OUR CHURCH & PRESCHOOL 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 to choose from.
- ❖ 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

WISHING YOU A CHRIST-FILLED CHRISTMAS IN THE GLORIOUS NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

HANGING OF THE GREENS, SUNDAY, NOV. 30, AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us after worship on Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, to decorate the Sanctuary. With your help, we can start the season with joy and good cheer. Volunteers are needed; many hands make light work!

SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS ON MAINE AVENUE LAKESIDE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025, 3-7:30PM

Don't miss the celebration this season, sponsored by

The Lakeside Chamber of Commerce

- Tree-Lighting with Lakeside Fire Department @ 5:00p-m
- Welcome and visit with Santa (photo op)
- Lakeside Schools Musical Presentations
- Crafts & Activities for the kids
- Food-Vendors-Beverages

Young At Heart A Ministry for Senior Citizens Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church

OUR YOUNG AT HEART GROUP WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA & WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, FROM 2:00-4:00PM IN ROOMS 1 & 2

All senior adults are invited to our Young at Heart Group Christmas Tea & White Elephant Exchange! Please bring a dessert to share. Following our tea and fellowship, we will hold our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Sign up will begin Nov. 30 through Dec. 14, on the Patio during Fellowship time. If you have questions, call Gary MacDonald at 619-561-4235.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS

If you would like to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one/s, or order one for a special occasion, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office. The plants are \$15.00 each. **Last day to order is Dec. 21.**

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Phone #: _____