

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

COUNCIL CORNER: WELCOME TO OUR SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

"Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord" John 20:20 (KJV)

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples in the locked upper room, following his resurrection, the disciples were huddled in hiding. Nevertheless, Jesus appeared among them and urged, "Peace be unto you!" One of my favorite passages of the Bible is the beautifully understated description that follows, that the disciples were "glad when they saw the Lord." The One whose death they were mourning suddenly appears bodily before them, offering words of comfort. I'm sure they were "glad" indeed!

As we move forward from the Easter season, we carry some of this joy with us as we approach our year-end. Our fiscal year will end on June 30th under our new fiscal-year adoption; our school years are coming to an end with graduations and commencement exercises; and we come to the end of one year since our last congregational meeting, June 1, 2025.

The Council has now revised the date of this year's congregational meeting to **May 31st, 2026**, following our 10 a.m. service (so please note this change). This is the time when, in addition to electing members to church council and our audit committee, we will review and approve a Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. **Renee Brandt** and **Gavin Hall** have already been appointed as our synod delegates. And we hope to have **Julia Morales** or another member of synod staff come to update us on the call process.

Your attendance and input are vitally important at this important meeting, and in advance, please note that we will hold a **Budget Workshop** following worship on Sunday, **May 17th** to allow questions and answers in advance of approving a new budget.

The Council, at this stage, would like to emphasize that we "finish strong" in these last months to fulfill our financial obligations to the church and to consider some volunteer opportunity we may be able to take on in the new fiscal year. We might call this our **Spring Membership Drive!** Volunteer opportunities could include helping to schedule worship servers, editing the bulletin, becoming a lector, or joining the choir. Use of our "time and talents" is also at the heart of Christian stewardship.

As we all pull together at this time, we help to prepare our church as an attractive and welcoming place for our next pastor. Consider how you are led to "lean-in" to our equivalent of a Spring Membership Drive. As they say on public television, "We need your support!" and "Thank you" for all you are already doing to keep LCIF thriving and "on the air."

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Brandt, for the church council



May 2026



MISSION STATEMENT

As one house of Christ's Church, we welcome you home. Here you will find the love of Christ exemplified. Here you will find a community rooted in the Gospel.

VISION STATEMENT

LCIF provides sanctuary, hope and healing to all, without judgment; offers answers to everyday challenges; and grows stronger so that we will be able to reach out more effectively.

LCIF STAFF

Presiding Minister: Viv Vega
Pastoral Care: Tim Singleton
Ministers: All People of LCIF
Music Minister: Mark Anzelon

Music Ministry:
Katherine Frantsen

Administrative Assistant:
Emily DiPetrillo

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS

1700 Foothill Blvd.
La Cañada Flintridge

Sunday Service at 10am

Office hours: 9am - 1pm, M-Th

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WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
 Communion Server: Craig Gropper
 Fellowship: Renee Brandt
 Lector: Mae Welter
 TMT: Jim Goris
 Usher/Greeter: Gavin Hall

Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
 Communion Server: Renee Brandt
 Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
 Lector: Ellen Harrington
 TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
 Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Sunday, May 17

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
 Communion Server: Craig Gropper
 Fellowship: Lori Moody
 Lector: Jeff Brandt
 TMT: Renee Brandt
 Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, May 24

Day of Pentecost

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
 Communion Server:
 Jane McMahon
 Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and
 Janice Schettini
 Lector: Jane McMahon
 TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
 Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke

Sunday, May 31

Holy Trinity

Altar Guild: Jance Schettini
 Communion Server: Gavin Hall
 Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
 Lector: Denise Johnson
 TMT: Renee Brandt
 Usher/Greeter: Joe Johnson

APRIL 2026 BUDGET BOX SCORE

(Through 3rd Quarter of 2025-26 Fiscal Year)

January Offerings	Offerings thru 1/31/26	Budget Deficit
\$10,844	\$116,689	January expenses: \$20,345 January income: \$13,369
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$105,583	This month: <\$6,956> Year to Date: <\$8,465>
<\$4,239>	+\$11,106	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$22,741 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$14,276
February Offerings	Offerings thru 2/28/26	Budget Deficit
\$13,587	\$130,276	February expenses: \$20,202 February income: \$17,449
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$120,667	This month: <\$2,753> Year to Date: <\$13,024>
<\$1,496>	+\$9,609	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$25,990 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$12,996
March Offerings	Offerings thru 03/31/26	Budget Deficit
\$8,617	\$138,893	March expenses: \$17,739 March income: \$14,002
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$135,750	This month: <\$3,736> Year to Date: <\$16,760>
<\$6,466>	+\$3,143	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$29,239 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$12,479

American Red Cross | Heroes Saving Lives

Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.

Sign Up Today!

Blood Drive at LCIF
Thursday, May 14, 10am – 4pm
redcrossblood.org **First-timers WELCOME!**

SAVE THE DATE!
LCIF's Annual
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 31
after 10am Service

All are welcome to join us as we review the past year and plan for LCIF's future!

- * Review financial statements
- * Vote to approve 2026-2027 Budget
- * Elect new Members to Council and Audit Team
- * Hear updates from our LCIF Teams

TEAM MEETINGS IN APRIL



Mission & Ministry: Thursday, May 7 at 2:00pm
Operations: Tuesday, May 19 at 5:00pm
Church Council: Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm

Meetings are in the Conference Room and all are welcome!

PRAYER BREAKFAST MEETS MONTHLY



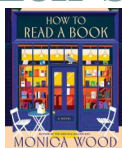
Our next Prayer Breakfast will once again be on the first Thursday of the month - **Thursday, May 7 at 9:00am.** We meet at the La Cañada McDonald's - you can get your food and join us for food, fellowship, and prayer.

WOMEN'S GATHER MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY



Women's GATHER Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday May 12** and **Tuesday, May 26 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. No RSVP is needed and new participants are welcome!

LCIF'S BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet this month on **Monday, May 18** to discuss How to Read a Book by Monica Wood. For June, we will be reading A Guardian and a Thief by Megha Majumdar and meeting on June 15.

UPDATES FROM THE OPERATIONS TEAM



This past month was busy for the operations team!

A new remote controlled thermostat was installed in the Youth Room so that the use of the HVAC system can be remotely monitored to prevent accidental leaving on the A/C or heating overnight.

Roger Schulke cleared the weeds on the slope located between the office complex and the Sanctuary Building. **Roger** and **Greg** installed fresh ceiling tiles in the office complex rooms that had stained tiles from water drips.

David Haxton continues to monitor the watering of the lawns and flower beds of the church property.

The **Operations Team** will meet May 19 at 5:00 PM in the conference room to discuss plans for next month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Greg Hiscott, for the Operations Team

THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!



The LCIF Nominating Committee is currently **seeking church members to fill four vacancies on the Council** for the upcoming 3-year term beginning in July. The Council meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. For those who cannot meet in person, we offer the Zoom meeting option. Should you have questions, contact me or any of the Nominating Committee members by **May 10**. Thank you for considering to serve!

- Joe Johnson, Council Liaison

Mark Anzelon, Renee Brandt, GariLynn Hiscott, Susan Nakaoki

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Nakaoki - May 7
 Rayne Cumberworth - May 11
 Marcy Anzelon - May 12
 Lisa (Jenks) Messineo - May 21
 Ellen Harrington - May 22
 Olivia Brandt - May 29

PRAYER LIST

If you would like someone added to our the list, then please send their name and any other information to office@lcifoothills.org. The list is printed in our bulletin.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS

Sunday School

10am during worship
 for children in 1st - 4th grade

Choir Rehearsals

Sundays at 9:15am and 11:30am
 No experience needed!

Book Club

Third Monday of the month
 1pm in the Fellowship Hall

Women Gather

2nd/4th Tuesdays of the month
 1pm in the Conference Room

Knit Together

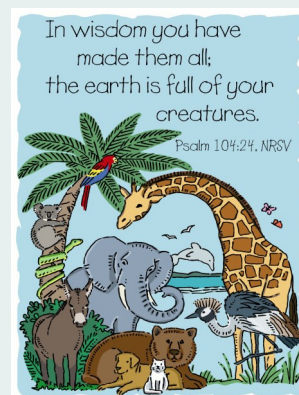
Wednesdays
 1pm in the Conference room

Prayer Breakfast

First Thursday of the Month
 9am at the La Cañada McDonalds

Quilters

Saturdays at 9am
 in the Quilting Room



LA CAÑADA'S OUTLOOK RECOGNIZES ONE OF OUR OWN!

LCF Orthopaedic Guild Gifts \$25K to Institute for Children

Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children (LuskinOIC) recently announced a \$25,000 gift from the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild, generated through the Guild's 2025 fundraising efforts.

The contribution will support the Tech Station in LuskinOIC's MRI Suite — an important component of LuskinOIC's Innovation Campaign— helping strengthen the patient and family experience and the technology-enabled care environment surrounding new MRI services, a news release states.

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild is an auxiliary support group under the Charitable Children's Guild (CCG) umbrella, part of a legacy of volunteerism and philanthropy that has helped advance pediatric orthopaedic care at LuskinOIC for generations.

Together, the Guild and its auxiliaries have raised more than \$14.25 million for LuskinOIC over the years.



Photo courtesy La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild / La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild members include Danette Erickson, Alicia Thompson, Treasurer Joanne Ploszaj, President DeeDee Nuanes, Ways and Means Chair Joan Clevon, Membership Chair Jeanne Long, Senior Advisor LuskinOIC Mary Beth Perrine, Recording Secretary Chris Wright Roper, Hospitality Chair Rita LaFace, Sustainer Liaison Marie Baker, Correspondence Secretary Wendy Nicoll, Arlene Bell, Vice President Caryl Pettit, Betty Paravato, Arlene Massimino, Johnette Martindale and Handbook Editor Ginney Pruitt.

LA CAÑADA AREA

INTERFAITH BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

for all 2026 graduating seniors, their families, and the community

program includes: student testimonials from each congregation with a reception following



Monday June 1, 2026 | 7:00pm

St. Bede The Venerable Church Sanctuary
215 Foothill Blvd., La Canada, CA 91011



Keynote Speaker
Paul Song | La Canada Presbyterian Church
Pastor • Intercultural Community • Chloe's Dad Builder

all graduates to arrive by 6:30pm wearing cap and gown
for questions, please call Christie Frandsen at 818-209-9821

MUSIC in the PARK

The City of La Cañada Flintridge invites you to join family, friends and neighbors for free evenings of music at Memorial Park (1301 Foothill Blvd.). Bring a picnic basket, blankets and chairs to enjoy live music and summer weather!

Mon 5/25	4:00-6:00pm	Cassie B	Top 40
Sun 5/31	6:00-8:00pm	Wheelhouse	Current Pop Tunes
Sun 6/7	6:00-8:00pm	Flux Capacitors	80's/90's
Sun 6/14	6:00-8:00pm	Misplaced Priorities	Classic Rock
Sun 6/21	6:00-8:00pm	Funky Hippeez	70's/80's Disco Funk
Sun 6/28	6:00-7:30pm	The Kings of 88	Piano Rock
Sun 6/28	8:30pm	Movie in the Park "How to Train Your Dragon" (2025)	Family Friendly
Sun 7/5	6:00-8:00pm	90s Rockshow	90's
Sun 7/12	6:00-8:30pm	The Jack Lantz Big Band	Big Band Swing
Sun 7/19	6:00-8:00pm	Kayln and the New Frontier	Top 40, Dance Pop
Sun 7/26	6:00-8:00pm	Platinum Beat	A Little Bit of Everything
Sun 8/2	6:00-8:00pm	Hot August Night	Neil Diamond Tribute
Sun 8/9	6:00-8:00pm	FM Radio	Every Style Along the Dial
Sun 8/16	6:00-8:00pm	The Laurel Canyon Band	Southern California 60's and 70's
Sun 8/23	6:00-8:30pm	The Pistol Blonde	Country
Sun 8/30	6:00-8:00pm	Boombbox Heroes	Top 40

To ensure an enjoyable experience for all, consider leaving your pets at home to provide a safer environment. If you are bringing a dog, the dog must be on a leash and by the owner's side at all times. Remember to lower umbrellas during concerts. Canopies are allowed at the back of the park. Any unpermitted solicitation is prohibited.

For more information visit LCF.ca.gov or contact City Hall at (818) 790-8880.