

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

COUNCIL CORNER: SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20*

This was my confirmation verse from 1966. I'm sure many of you remember yours as well. It provides re-assurance to me in difficult times, as does the simple prayer I've been introduced to recently, "Be present, Lord."

This past year has presented several challenges to our congregation, and, with God's help, and presence, we have come through in many ways stronger for our struggles. I have found it a genuine pleasure to serve as your president during this past year, despite our difficulties, and as our annual congregational meeting approaches, we will be electing council members for the new council term beginning June 1st, with new officers elected when the council first convenes.

The church fiscal year will also end on June 30th and we are hopeful of "finishing strong" this month so as to keep on track with our budgeted pledges and giving. At the end of April our financials showed that we are nearly \$1,000 ahead of our targeted giving amount of \$150,833 for this point in the year. That is a testament to your faithful stewardship - even in the absence of a full-time pastor. We even have the possibility of reducing our budget deficit, that is, our Total Expenses over our Total Income to nearly zero by the fiscal year-end - this deficit had come down to some <\$10,600> at the end of April, as shown in the Budget Box Score (on page 2). Lest we become prideful of this accomplishment, however, we bear in mind that our savings this past year by not paying a full-time pastoral salary and benefits has been on the order of \$55,000. This is the true "deficit" to make up. So, the generous financial stewardship of all of us moving forward will be vital to our ability to call a full-time pastor in our future.

Finally, this newsletter provides an opportunity to offer congratulations and words of thanks to several of our "beloved siblings," as Viv likes to call us. We congratulate our two college graduates this Spring, **Hannah Hiscott**, and **Katherine Frantsen**, (see page 2 for photos and details).

Thanks are also due to our committed and collaborative church council, **Joe Johnson** (Vice President), **Greg Hiscott** (Secretary), and **Betty Leighton** (Treasurer), as well as **Gavin Hall**, **Janet Cassidy**, **Mike Meeker**, and **Craig Gropper**. **Craig** deserves special recognition now as he retires upon completing two, 3-year terms on council with much grace and humor.

LCIF would simply not function without our wonderful staff of **Mark Anzelon** and **Katherine Frantsen** (and I want to include **Lynn Banfi** for her dedicated service this year) in our Music Ministry, and without our multi-talented administrative assistant, **Emily Di-Petrillo**, whose presence in the office makes our day-to-day operations and communications run smoothly. Thank you all for your amazing service to this church family.

Sincerely, and with much gratitude,
Jeffrey Brandt, for the Church Council

June 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

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WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, June 7

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
 Communion Server: Craig Gropper
 Fellowship: Renee Brandt
 Lector: Craig Gropper
 TMT: Jim Goris
 Usher/Greeter: Davind Haxton

Sunday, June 14

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
 Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
 Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini
 Lector: TBD
 TMT: Renee Brandt
 Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Sunday, June 21

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
 Communion Server: Jane McMahon
 Fellowship: Emily and Mona Dillard
 Lector: Jane McMahon
 TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
 Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke

Sunday, June 28

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
 Communion Server: Gavin Hall
 Fellowship: Lori Moody
 Lector: Denise Johnson
 TMT: Renee Brandt
 Usher/Greeter: Joe Johnson



JUNE 2026 BUDGET BOX SCORE

(reflecting Income and Expenses Through April 30, 2026)

April Offerings	Offerings thru 4/30/26	Budget Deficit
\$12,898	\$151,791	April expenses: \$12,387 April income: \$18,740
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$150,833	This month: +\$6,353 Year to Date: <\$10,607>
<\$2,185>	+\$958	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$32,488 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$21,881

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



We congratulate **Katherine Frantsen** (left) and **Hannah Hiscott** (right) on their college graduations this Spring. **Katherine** gave her senior recital this May and received a B.A. degree in Piano performance, with a minor in Biblical studies, from **Biola University**.

Hannah completed an internship in Butte County Public Health Department and received a B.A. Degree in Health Sciences from **California State University, Chico**. We are proud of you both -- your futures look bright!



2026 Summer Day Camp August 3rd - 7th Mt. Olive Lutheran Church



DAILY SCHEDULE
9:00 + Arrive / Check In
9:10 + Opening Worship
9:45 + Bible Story Time
10:15 + Morning Snacks
10:30 + Games & Arts
11:30 + "Campfire" Time
11:50 + Sack Lunch (bring)
12:30 + R&R / Movie Time
1:00 + All Camp Activity
1:30 + Interest Sessions
2:15 + Afternoon Snacks
2:30 + Closing Worship
3:00 + Pick Up / Depart

+++ Call or Email +++
 818-248-4253
 office@molc.org

**\$60 for the entire week
 for one child, or \$50 each
 for two or more siblings...
 Register by 08/02/26**

Our Mt. Olive Day Camp is for K-6th grade and will be packed full of fun, spiritual growth and memories that will last a lifetime. Joyful music, worship and games will introduce the "From the Ashes" theme that is based on Isaiah 43:2. The Bible studies will help campers grow in their understanding of God and relationship with Jesus. Lessons learned and friends made will reach way beyond this one great week of day camp at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church!

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES



The church office will be closed Monday June 1 and Tuesday, June 2, as well as Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11.

TEAM MEETINGS IN JUNE



Generosity Team: Thursday, June 4 at 2:00pm

Operations: Tuesday, June 16 at 5:00pm

Church Council: Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00pm

Meetings are in the Conference Room - all are welcome!

PRAYER BREAKFAST MEETS MONTHLY



Our next Prayer Breakfast will once again be on the first Thursday of the month - **Thursday, June 4 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 JUNE



Women's GATHER Bible Study will meet on

Tuesday June 9 and Tuesday, June 23 at

1:00pm in the Conference Room. No RSVP is

needed and new participants are welcome!

JOIN LCIF'S BOOK CLUB!



The Book Club will meet this month on **Monday, June 15** at 1pm to discuss A Guardian and a Thief. Next month, the book will be Daughter of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See. Meetings are held in the Conference Room and all are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

Pilgrimage to Greece 2025 Slide Show and Presentation



**Wednesday,
June 10 at 7pm
Fellowship Hall**

**With Pastor Tim from
Mt. Olive Lutheran**

Surviving Widows Group

Tuesday, June 16 at 12pm

Yvonne's Home in La Cañada Flintridge

Contact Yvonne or church office for details

Widowers Are Welcome Too!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Denise Johnson - June 10

Caryl Pettit - June 12

T.J. Alfano - June 13

Kirk Cassidy - June 20

Don Hall - June 20

Chris Craney - June 21

Jonathan Baldwin - June 24

Ron Nakaoki - June 26

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mae & Tom Welter - June 9

Denise & Joe Johnson - June 18

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

The Choir is currently on summer break and will return in September

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 La Cañada McDonalds

Quilters

Saturdays at 9am
in the Quilting Room

LCIF'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Each month in our newsletter, there is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary along with an explanation.

For June 7 (Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Second After Pentecost), the Gospel reading is Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, summarized in ELCA's *Sundays & Seasons* as "Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter." The opening verse is Jesus calling Matthew to discipleship, one of our windows.

Call of Matthew - Matthew 9:9

When Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me," Matthew got right up and followed. The coins and money bag remind us that Matthew had been a tax collector. He was wealthy and influential. Matthew was completely committed to Jesus as a faithful disciple. He never turned back. Matthew had found something more satisfying than gathering money.

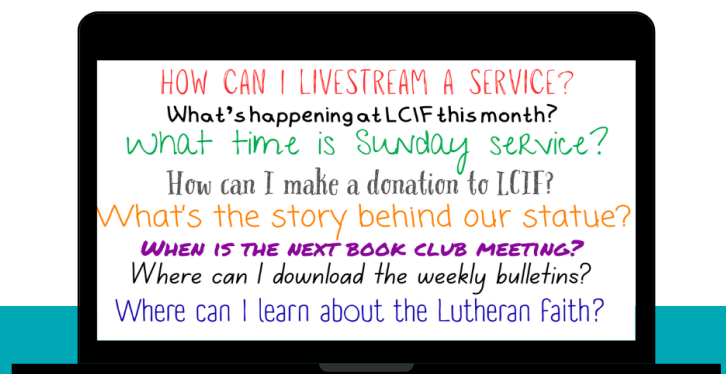
- Renee Brandt



Thank you to
Renee Brandt, Gavin Hall,
and **Viv Vega** for
representing our congregation
at this year's
Synod Assembly!



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