

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

COUNCIL CORNER

At the most recent Church Council Meeting, elections were held to fill the officer positions for the new fiscal year.



LCIF
Church Council
2026-2027

- President - Greg Hiscott
- Vice President - Jeff Brandt
- Secretary - Joe Johnson
- Treasurer - Betty Leighton
- Member - Janet Cassidy
- Member - Gavin Hall
- Member - Edward Park

Welcome to the new members of the Council - and a big THANK YOU to **Craig Gropper** for completing 6 years on Council and to everyone who is volunteering to help serve LCIF!

LCIF WILL MAKE SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR!

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

During the summer, stores will be having deals on items that will be part of the kits we will assemble for **"God's Work, Our Hands"** on **September 13**.

If you want to contribute to our efforts, look for: Spiral notebooks (single subject), Pink Pearl style erasers, **UNSHARPENED** pencils, **Blue/Black INK (not gel)** pens, small crayons (box of 24 colors), **BLUNT-TIP** scissors.

Items can be left at the office or dropped off at Sunday service.

Monetary donations are welcome and appreciated!

To give electronically, scan the QR code on the right and choose **"LWR-School Kits"** or visit www.lciffoothills.org and click on "Giving" in the mail menu. Checks are also welcome - made out to LCIF with "school kits" in the memo line.



July 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, July 5
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Fellowship: Renee Brandt
USA Birthday Potluck
Lector: Jeff Brandt
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, July 12
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Communion Server: Craig Gropper
Fellowship: Lori Moody
Lector: Linda Spengler
TMT: Greg Hiscott
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, July 19
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Communion Server: Jane McMahon
Fellowship: Sarah Legerton
Lector: Colin Legerton
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Gavin Hall

Sunday, July 26
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Chris Craney
Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Lector: Chris Craney
TMT: Greg Hiscott
Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke



JUNE 2026 BUDGET BOX SCORE

(reflecting Income and Expenses Through May 31, 2026)

May Offerings	Offerings thru 5/31/26	Budget Deficit
\$11,723	\$163,514	May expenses: \$16,878 May income(total): \$15,985
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$165,971	This month: <\$893> Year to Date: <\$12,265>
<\$3,360>	<\$2,402>**	Budgeted Deficit YTD: \$35,737 Actual Deficit Difference: +\$23,472

** Note: We are this far behind on our overall giving for the year

CHOIR WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER



The LCIF Choir has finished their season and will take a well deserved summer break!
We want to thank everyone who help bring the music to our services:

Yvonne Baldwin, Lynn Banfi, Jeff Brandt, Bonnie & Ed Gould, Don & Fonda Hall, Ellen Harrigton, GariLynn Hiscott, Janice Schettini, and Mae Welter.
And of course, a big THANK YOU to Mark Anzelon, Music Minister and Pianist Katherine Frantsen!
During the summer, we do invite musicians and singers to provide special offertories. Please contact Mark if interested!

UPDATE FROM OUR GENEROSITY TEAM



The Lutheran Church in the Foothills' Endowment Fund, which is invested with Thrivent Financial, has performed well this year.
At our June meeting, the Generosity Team agreed that \$9,000 of the earnings should be distributed, \$1,000 to **Tierra del Sol** and \$8,000 towards **roof repairs at the church campus**. Tierra del Sol provides job training and other services to developmentally disadvantaged individuals. They are also the new providers of janitorial services at LCIF.

GUEST PASTOR FROM GLOBAL REFUGE



Pastor Eric Shafer, Pastor in Residence for Global Refuge, will be a guest Pastor on July 12.
Global Refuge, formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, is a non-profit organization that supports refugees and migrants entering the United States. It is one of nine refugee resettlement agencies working with the Office of Refugee Resettlement and one of two that serves unaccompanied refugee minors. Global Refuge also advocates for policies and practices relating to immigration.
During the July 12 service, **we will be taking a special offering for Global Refuge** to support their important work. You can learn more about the organization at **www.globalrefuge.org**.

U.S.A. BIRTHDAY POTLUCK!



After service **on Sunday, July 5** there will be a Red, White, and Blue themed Potluck! Bring a red, white, or blue fruit or treat to share as we gather in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT PRAYER BREAKFAST



Our next Prayer Breakfast will be on the first Thursday of the month - **Thursday, July 2 at 9:00am**. We meet at the La Cañada McDonald's - join us for food, fellowship, and prayer.

WOMEN'S GATHER MEETINGS IN JULY



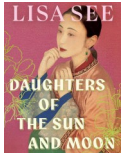
Women's GATHER Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday July 14** and **Tuesday, July 28 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. No RSVP is needed and new participants are welcome!

TEAM MEETINGS IN JULY



Finance: Monday, July 20 at 4:00pm
Mission & Ministry: Tuesday, July 21 at 2:00pm
Operations: Tuesday, July 21 at 5:00pm
Church Council: Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm
Meetings are held in the Conference Room.

LCIF'S BOOK CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL



This month, the Book Club will meet on **Monday, July 21 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room to discuss Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See. Next month, the book will be Personal History: A Memoir (part one) by Katherine Graham.

BACKPACK DRIVE IS ON!



Once again, **Yvonne Baldwin** is spearheading a drive to provide new backpacks to kids in need. She will collect the donations later this summer and deliver them to **Making It Happen** who will distribute them in the local community.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Liz Craney - July 6
- Bonnie Gould - July 7
- Chris Murphy - July 15
- Craig Gropper - July 20
- Nick Brown - July 25
- Connie Curtain - July 31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- Andreas & Astrid Hirsch - July 12
- Bonnie & Ed Gould - July 16
- Don & Fonda Hall - July 26

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



**Lutheran & Episcopal Night
at Dodger Stadium!**

**Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026
at 7:10pm**

**Tickets are \$48 per person
Order Deadline: Sunday, July 12**

Download ticket order form at
www.lcifoothills.org, from our weekly email,
or contact the church office



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.

In July, the lectionary includes parables from the Gospel of Matthew, including several variations on seeds and soil. We have the "Sower and Soil" from Mark.

The Sower and Soil—Mark 4:3 Jesus was skilled teacher. Many times he used parables—short and simple stories with pointed lessons. In this story, a sower casts seeds in many places. The seeds fall on hard ground, stony ground, sidewalks, and good soil. Jesus said that people are like the soil. He teaches all who will hear—so there are some who are not interested, who care for other things, who crowd God out. Then there are people who listen, consider, believe, and obey. Those who bear fruit are pleasing to God.

- Renee Brandt

“MAKING IT HAPPEN” RECOGNIZED AS NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR!



Pattee Colvin, President of Making It Happen, Inc. recently received a commendation from Assembly Member Schultz, naming the organization as “Nonprofit of the Year”!

Making It Happen “serve(s) individuals and families regardless of whether they are unemployed, under-employed, or homeless. We provide food & groceries, clothing, access to temporary and permanent housing solutions, and access to medical services. We strive to do whatever we can to provide a pathway to a better life.”

Thanks to **Yvonne Baldwin**, and everyone who donates clothing and food through LCIF, the items get delivered to Making It Happen so they can continue to make a difference in our local communities. Learn more about the organization, and how you can help, at www.makingithappeninc.org.



Southwest California Synod
ADLA Los Angeles

End of SUMMER Gathering

Food, Fun, Fellowship. Games, Face Paintings, Jumper

**Saturday
August 8**
1:30 to 7pm

LA Galaxy Park
18400 Avalon Blvd
Carson, CA. 90746
Free Parking in Lot 15

\$15 per person ages 12 and up
\$10 ages 4 years to 11
Free for 3 years and under
Payment/Registration Deadline July 15th

Make checks to ELCA-ADLA
552 E. Carson St., Suite 104, PMB#116
Carson, CA 90745

questions: email to adla.losangeles@gmail.com
text: 310-488-0299

Name _____
Congregation _____
Total \$ _____ Ages ____/____/____

From the Ashes

ISAIAH 43:2

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 + Snack 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

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!

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