

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

COUNCIL CORNER

"...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Summer can be a time for rest and reflection. As **Viv Vega** took a well-deserved vacation day in July, we were privileged to have **Pastor Eric Shafer** challenge us through a message that many of us found difficult to hear. As a volunteer spokesperson for our ELCA **Global Refuge** organization, **Rev. Shafer** highlighted the nearly impossible plight of refugees and refugee programs in our country presently, especially by contrast to the injunctions of both the Old and New Testament for the people of God to "love the stranger, for you were strangers in Egypt," (Deut. 10:19) and to "welcome a stranger ..." as we would welcome the Lord Himself. (Matt. 25:35). The factors **Pastor Eric** mentioned were not only "food for thought," but, as he suggested, could inspire our action through: giving to organizations that support refugees (such as **Global Refuge**); expressing to our representatives our desire for greater support and allowance of greater numbers of refugees to re-settle in our county; keeping ourselves informed of the refugee crisis; and praying - both for safety and wellbeing of refugees, but also for a "change of heart" of our leaders - over this matter of moral concern.

Summer can also be a chance to get away to new surroundings and to re-charge our energies, as our music leaders, **Mark** and **Katherine** will do on trips they have planned for this summer. In the meantime, we thank all the volunteers - our lectors, ushers, altar guild preparers, Communion assistants, and TMTs - for your faithful service on the "homefront," that keeps the church functioning smoothly during these summer months, with a special **Thank You** to **GariLynn Hiscott**, a long-time choir member and member of the Pasadena Chorale, for sharing her talents as our worship and song leader through mid-September. We are so grateful for your service!

May the Lord bless and keep all refugees - that is, all those fearing death, harm, or oppression in their home countries - and keep us all in his tender care this summer.

- Jeffrey Brandt, V.P., for the Church Council

August 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

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Blood Drive at LCIF

Thursday, Sept. 17, 10am – 4pm

Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org

Walk-ins are also welcome!

WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, August 2
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Fellowship: Renee Brandt
POTLUCK
Lector: Denise Johnson
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher/Greeter: Joe Johnson

Sunday, August 9
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Renee Brandt
Fellowship: Lori Moody
Lector: Ellen Harrington
TMT: Greg Hiscott
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, August 16
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Jane McMahon
Fellowship: Sarah Legerton
Lector: Jane McMahon
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Gavin Hall

Sunday, August 23
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Communion Server: Janice Schettini
Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Lector: Janice Schettini
TMT: Greg Hiscott
Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Sunday, August 30
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server: Gavin Hall
Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini
Lector: TBD
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke

JULY 2026 BUDGET BOX SCORE

(reflecting Income and Expenses Through June 30, 2026)

Budget Box Score – 2025-26 Year End

June Offerings	Offerings thru 6/30/26	Budget Deficit
\$9,409	\$179,764	June expenses: \$16,128 May income(total): \$17,300
Needed monthly: \$15,083	Year to Date Budget: \$181,000	This month: \$1,173 Year to Date: \$23,970**
<\$5,674>	<\$1,236>*	Budgeted Deficit YTD: <\$38,986>

* Less than \$1500 below our annual budget
** Ended the year with nearly \$24,000 surplus

CONGRATE TO OUR GRADUATE!



Congratulations to our most recent graduate! **Tess Gropper** graduated with a Bachelor’s of Landscape Architecture degree, with a minor in Art. It’s not a BS or BA but actually BLA (Bachelor’s of Landscape Architecture).

The ceremony was held June 14th at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Tess’ mom and dad (**Michelle** and **Craig**) were there to cheer her on, along with siblings Christian and Jojo, as well as Tess’ Aunt, Renee Tuzee.

UPDATE FROM OUR CALL COMMITTEE



This month brings some developments from the call committee. **Greg** has stepped down as the co-chair of the committee due to his new role as President of the Church Council.

The Synod Contact for our call, Julia Morales, communicated to the call committee a slate of three pastoral candidates. It will be up to the call committee to reorganize with a new chair and to begin the next step of the process now that a slate has been provided. This is an exciting time for this group of dedicated members!

UPDATE FROM OUR OPERATIONS TEAM



The operations team has been busy collecting proposals for the church roof repair.

One proposal was delivered in the first half of July. The team has requested the city trim the trees along their right of way on Foothill Boulevard and El Camino Corto. We are also making plans to trim the tree at the Northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall so that it does not crowd the building and hide the building from the street.

Recently, our volunteers worked to unclog an HVAC condensation drain line and the team oversaw the yearly service and maintenance of the HVAC systems by Rays Heating and Cooling. The fire department issued a letter of compliance to LCIF for our annual brush inspection.

The team is meeting this month to identify new projects and issues to take on in our effort to keep the church property maintained and looking nice.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT PRAYER BREAKFAST



Our next Prayer Breakfast will be on the first Thursday of the month - **Thursday, August 6 at 9:00am**. We meet at the La Cañada McDonald's - join us for food, fellowship, and prayer.

WOMEN'S GATHER MEETINGS IN AUGUST



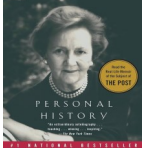
Women's GATHER Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, August 11** and **Tuesday, August 25 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. No RSVP is needed and new participants are welcome!

TEAM MEETINGS IN AUGUST



Finance: Monday, August 17 at 4:00pm
Operations: Tuesday, August 18 at 5:00pm
Church Council: Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00pm
Meetings are held in the Conference Room.

JOIN THE BOOK CLUB IN AUGUST!



This month, the Book Club will meet on **Monday, August 17 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room to discuss *Personal History: A Memoir* (part one) by Katharine Graham. For September, we'll be reading Part Two of this memoir.

LCIF IS MAKING SCHOOL KITS AGAIN!

God's work. Our hands.

September 13, 2026

Mark your calendar for our next "God's Work. Our Hands." event on **Sunday, September 13** in the Fellowship Hall after service. We'll putting together school supply bags for Lutheran World Relief with the

items that have been generously donated!
Here are the supplies that are still needed:

- Spiral notebooks (single subject)
- pencil sharpeners
- **BLUNT-TIP** scissors.



Items can be left at the office or dropped off at Sunday service.
Monetary donations are welcome and appreciated! Scan the QR code above to give electronically and choose **"LWR-School Kits"**. Checks are also welcome - made out to LCIF with "school kits" in the memo line.

CORRECTED LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS!



LCIF
Church Council
2026-2027

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

Welcome to the new members of the Church Council and a big Thank You to **CRAIG GROPPER** for his 6 years of service.

We appreciate everyone who is volunteering to help serve LCIF!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Michael Meeker—August 2
Frederic Brandt– August 5
Mae Welter - August 7
Tess Gropper - August 9
Sarah Legerton - August 15
Jane McMahon - August 15
Mary Schulke - August 23
Fonda Hall - August 24

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Courtney & Jon Baldwin - August 4
Mary & Roger Schulke - August 9
Ron & Susan Nakaoki - August 22
Marcy & Mark Anzelon - August 23

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 on Sept. 20

Book Club
Third Monday of the month
1pm in the Conference Room

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.

The Reward of a Great Faith—Matthew 15:21
The symbol of a butterfly represents resurrection. A cocoon looks like a dead thing. Outwardly it seems dead. Inwardly there is developing life. So on Jesus’ journey a mother with faith was rewarded by Christ’s blessing. Her daughter was blessed by health. A follower of Christ is promised the blessing of eternal life. All leads to Jesus proclaiming, “This is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”
- Renee Brandt

**LCIF Youth
Pool & Pizza Party!**

Sunday, August 16
right after the 10am service

**Contact Yvonne Baldwin
to RSVP and get address
818.395.4681**

SAVE THE DATE

The African Descent Lutheran Association-Los Angeles Chapter
Southwest California Synod -ELCA

**A Celebration Worship Service
Honoring Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout**

The First African Descent Bishop elected to the American Lutheran Church South Pacific District (now ELCA).

Theme : Hands of Service, Hearts of God

Sunday - September 20 , 2026 | 3:00PM

All clergy and rostered leaders are invited to Vest (the color is **RED**) and process. Arrive by 2:15pm.

**Ascension Lutheran Church
5820 West Blvd
Los Angeles, California 90043**

The Preacher for the occasion is :
The Rev. Brenda Bos
Bishop, Southwest California Synod

Save the Date!

Southwest California Synodical Women's Organization
presents

**Autumn
Renewal**

Join us for a weekend of learning, healing, fellowship,
relaxation, fun, & making new connections.

October 9-11th 2026

More event details coming soon!

Registration for this event will open in June 2026

For more information or questions, please contact
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