

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

COUNCIL CORNER

Celebrating a Day of Service - in Gratitude

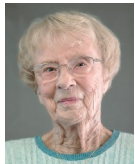
This year marks the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's annual day of service, "God's Work, Our Hands." Among the projects local congregations, including our own, have carried out on this day: free car washes; dog washes; baking cookies for firefighters; planting gardens; pulling weeds; writing letters of sympathy and encouragement; packing lunches (our daughter's church in Alexandria, VA has a goal to pack at least 900 - which makes for purchasing many loaves of bread); and assembling backpacks with school supplies. This day reminds us that gifts of grace come in many forms, large and small. As the ELCA website puts it, "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday declares that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor every day" (see www.elca.org/how-we-serve).

We also wish to promote "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday this year (September 13th) as an Outreach event - letting the community know that as Lutheran Christians, we are here to serve and to invite others to join us in experiencing how the love of Christ makes a difference in our priorities and our lives. We will advertise our school supply kits project with a new banner and t-shirts, as well as on our social media platforms. We hope you will join this celebration!

A hymn composed for this day challenges us to consider that doing "God's work" often takes more than our hands, but our feet - in following God's way, and our voices - in advocating for justice and praying for peace, as well. We ask that the Lord bless our work on September 13th, and throughout the year. We look forward to this day of service as we start the Fall season.

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

IN MEMORY OF MARGIE MORRISON



Born on February 24, 1930 Margie Morrison entered into eternal life on August 6, 2026.

We continue to pray for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and ask for them to receive comfort in their mourning.

God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 13

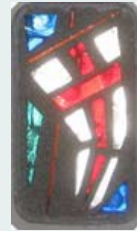
After Worship - Fellowship Hall

Help pack the school supply kits for LWR!



Join us for a day of service - www.lcifoothills.org

September 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, September 6
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server:
Janice Schettini
Fellowship: Renee Brandt
Lector: Craig Gropper
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher/Greeter: Renee Brandt

Sunday, September 13
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Server:
Jane McMahon
Fellowship: Lori Moody
Lector: Jane McMahon
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Sunday, September 20
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and
Janice Schettini
Lector: GariLynn Hiscott
TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott
with Cameron Hall
Usher/Greeter: Gavin Hall

Sunday, September 27
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
Communion Server: Jeff Brandt
Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Lector: Jeff Brandt
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke

WELCOME TO GOD’S FAMILY!



On August 23, Lutheran Church in the Foothills, along with parents **Juan** and **Samantha**, celebrated the Holy Baptism of **Amalia** and **Amani Colunga**.

Blessed is the day you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever. Congratulations on your baptisms!



UPDATE FROM OUR OPERATIONS TEAM



This month, the trees at the front of the property were trimmed in preparation for the fall and winter months and an El Nino year. We also asked the city to trim their Chinese Elms that are along the west side of the property.

A leak in the Youth Room’s air conditioning system was repaired (thanks to Yvonne Baldwin for recommending the HVAC company!) and we are working on replacing the flood sensor in the furnace room as well.

The team received three bids for re-roofing the sanctuary and after choosing the best one, the project has begun.

The team is also thinking about projects to do for a Fall season work day and we are open to suggestions!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR ROOF REPAIR!

Last month, the Operating Team reviewed multiple bids for the much-needed replacement of the sanctuary roof. They approved the best choice at a cost of \$42,000 and had the work begin on August 30.



This is an unexpected maintenance expense that is essential to preventing future damage to the church but isn’t in LCIF’s operating budget.

Therefore, we are asking everyone who can to please make a special offering to help with the expense of the roof replacement.

You can use the QR code below or visit our website at www.lcifoothills.org, click on the “Giving” and use the drop down menu to choose “Roof Repair Fund”.

Donations can also be made by check, with a note that it’s for the roof repair in the memo line and dropped off in the collection plate or the church office.



ALL ARE WELCOME AT PRAYER BREAKFAST



Our next Prayer Breakfast will be on the first Thursday of the month - **Thursday, September 3 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, September 8** and **Tuesday, September 22 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. No RSVP is needed and new participants are welcome!

DISCUSSION GROUP IS RETURNING!



Our weekly Discussion Group: Faith and Reason will be returning on Monday, September 14 at 11am. Details about this session to follow ... keep an on eye on our website at www.lcifoothills.org.

TEAM MEETINGS IN AUGUST



Outreach: Thursday, September 10 at 11am

Operations: Tuesday, September 15 at 5pm

Church Council: Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm

Mission & Ministry: Tuesday, September 29 at 2pm

JOIN THE BOOK CLUB IN AUGUST!



This month, the Book Club will meet on **Monday, September 21 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room to discuss Personal History: A Memoir (part two) by Katharine Graham. For October, we'll be reading A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst.

Details Coming Soon!

"GRACEGIVING" FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 22

Donations will be given to
MAKING IT HAPPEN
for distribution to
those in need at Thanksgiving





SAVE THE DATE!

TRUNK OR TREAT

AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

DETAILS TO FOLLOW ...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Evan Hartney - Sept. 2

Kathy Murphy - Sept. 3

Samanatha Coleman - Sept. 10

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Diana & Kevin Brown - Sept. 15

Janet & Kirk Cassidy - Sept. 20

GariLynn & Greg Hiscott - Sept. 27

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 returns 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

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.



Give blood.



Blood Drive at LCIF

Thursday, Sept. 17, 10am – 4pm

Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org

Walk-ins are also welcome!

LCIF’S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

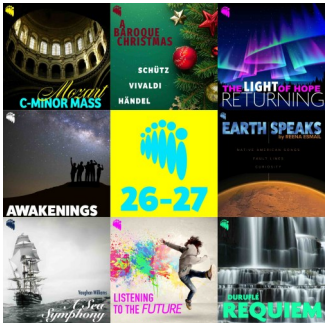


Each month in our newsletter, there is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary along with an explanation.

This is our window for John the Baptizer (Matthew 3:1). The white triangular hammer on a long staff bearing a cross is the symbol of John the Baptist. It is often seen with a lamb. The message that John the Baptist reached all over Judea was, “Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John the Baptist had a purpose. He was the finger of God for it was John who pointed to Jesus as the Messiah. John was a rough and vigorous man. He called on people to repent and change. That message cost John his life, but John would not hesitate to speak. John’s strength lay in his complete dedication to Jesus. John never called attention to himself - he pointed to Jesus and the banner which is his emblem bears the cross of the Christ.

- Renee Brandt

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



The Pasadena Chorale’s 2026-2027 concert season, features **nine free concerts** from November through June. With beloved choral masterworks, audience favorites, and intimate musical experiences, our season brings together the award-winning Pasadena Chorale, Pasadena Choral Society, High Notes, and a special 16-voice ensemble for wonderful choral music! Every concert is free with a ticket reservation. Get more information and tickets by visiting their website at: www.pasadenachorale.org.

Crafting for Connection

Senior Citizen & Teen

Arts & Crafts Program

Seniors and teens partner up for:
Painting • scrapbooking • icebreaker games • conversation starters & more

Aug. 23, Sep. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6
1pm-2:30pm

4469 Chevy Chase Dr.
Community Center of La Cañada-Flintridge
(FREE)

Scan to register or call 818-790-4353

Senior citizens Teens

Trouble signing up? Visit the community center's front desk at 4469 Chevy Chase Dr., LCF to get help with registration

Crafting for Connection is a free intergenerational arts & crafts program aiming to connect senior citizens and teens. It was created as a Girl Scout Gold Award project by **Katherine Hsiao** of Crescenta Valley High School.

With no art experience necessary, senior citizens and teens are invited to participate in **arts and crafts activities** designed to encourage conversation, interaction, and meaningful connection across the generations. During monthly sessions held at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF), participants will be paired, with one senior citizen and one teen joining to form a creative partnership.

There will be 5 monthly sessions on **Sundays, 8/23, 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, & 12/6 from 1pm-2:30pm** at the Community Center of La Cañada. For details, or to register, visit cclcf.org/register or call 818-790-4353.