

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

Living in God's Amazing Grace

COUNCIL CORNER

Living in the Material World

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann's recent book, Real World Faith, collects some 30 of his essays on "the varied ways our faith impinges on our common public life." And he is most concerned with showing how faith enables us to look beyond the normal, material calculations we make in "managing" our daily lives. He writes, "*Your wonders elude our explanations; Your miracles violate our confident calculations*".

This insight into the power of God to exceed our expectations is important to keep in mind as we so often find ourselves focusing on the "material" needs of our church property, our budgets, and fund-raising.

In the "real-life" work of the church council, here are the highlights: Our **Call Committee** will schedule a Zoom interview with one candidate among three potential candidates submitted by the Synod. The call process was delayed by re-organization of the call committee and the difficulties of meeting during the summer. We are pleased to have the commitment of **Viv Vega** to serve us through the end of the year (and possibly beyond) as she completes her seminary education.

Our roof repair was completed on the flat portions of the sanctuary roof, and the repair survived its first storm! This repair has been paid for through a combination of funds from a designated facilities repair fund (\$10,000); an anonymous gift for the roof repair (\$10,000), and from the Memorial Fund of Doris and Bob Samuelson (for the balance of \$20,581). The Samuelson Memorial fund still retains more than \$75,000.

We are open to receiving any contributions toward this project, which will replenish these accounts. You can use the QR code here or donate by check with "roof repair" written in the memo.



Finally, our Outreach Team is working to coordinate our Social Media as well as seeking other ways to participate in our community. Along those lines, **Mike Meeker** and **Jeff Brandt** will represent LCIF in receiving an award from the Pasadena Civitan Service club for our employment of **Tierra del Sol** clients to do our janitorial work.

Expecting Great Things from God,
- Jeffrey Brandt, V.P., for the Church Council

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING!

Trunk or Treat is coming and **we need your help!** Please consider volunteering for this amazing event by signing up to decorate a trunk or work the event on the 18th.



The RSVP form can be found in the weekly email in the office, or online. Visit **www.lcifoothills.org** to fill out the RSVP form and download the flyer to share with family, friends and neighbors!



October 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, October 4
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Communion Server: Colin Legerton
Fellowship: Sarah Legerton
Lector: Linda Spengler
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

Sunday, October 11
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Communion Server: Gavin Hall
Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Lector: Renee Brandt
TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott, Braden Hall
Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

Sunday, October 18
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Server: Jane McMahon
Fellowship: TRUNK OR TREAT
Lector: Jane McMahon
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Chris Craney

Sunday, October 25
Reformation Sunday
Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Communion Server: Craig Gropper
Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin and Janice Schettini
Lector: Ellen Harrington
TMT: GariLynn & Greg Hiscott, Cameron Hall
Usher/Greeter: Joe Johnson



BUDGET BOX SCORE FOR SEPTEMBER

(reflecting Income and Expenses Through August 31, 2026)

Budget Box Score

August Offerings	Offerings through 8/31/26	Budget Surplus/Deficit
\$16,597	\$37,716	August expenses: \$23,963 August income(total): \$22,621
Needed monthly: \$15,233	Year to Date Budget: \$30,466	This month: <\$1,342> Year to Date: +\$3,776
+\$1,364	+\$7,250	Budgeted Deficit YTD: <\$7,487>

UPDATE FROM OUR OPERATIONS TEAM



This month, the operations committee completed the replacement of the flat portion of the Sanctuary Building roof. They also repaired the right side oven in the Fellowship Hall and installed a remote control thermostat in the CCNS space. Now, we can monitor air conditioning usage as well as control the functions remotely. The committee is planning for a Fall Work Day and suggestions are welcome!

FILL THE ALTAR WITH GRACEGIVING!



This autumn let's turn Thanksgiving into **Grace-giving**! From **October 4 thru November 22**, our church family is coming together to share our harvest of blessings with **"Making It Happen"**. Before we gather around our own Thanksgiving tables, let's make sure our neighbors' shelves are full. We can make that happen with generous contributions of items such as:

- * Pantry Staples: Canned foods, dry legumes, nut butters, dry pasta, boxed stuffing mix, canned gravy or cranberry sauce, vegetable or olive oil, and sugar
- * Essential Hygiene: Wipes, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and there is always a need for **diapers of any size**.

Bring your bag or box of items to church any Sunday between October 4 and November 22 and **take your donation directly to the altar to be blessed during the service**. If you prefer to drop items off, please leave them at the LCIF office and we'll make sure they are on the altar for the Sunday blessing. Let's give thanks by giving grace and truly fill the altar!

Games | Bounce House | Lunch

Trunk or Treat!

Sunday 18 October | **11:30am - 1:00pm**
Lutheran Church in the Foothills
Everyone is also welcome at our 10am service

1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada * www.lcifoothills.org

Free Family Event!

PRAYER BREAKFAST



Our next Prayer Breakfast will be on the first Thursday of the month - **Thursday, October 1 at 9:00am**. We meet at the La Cañada McDonald's - join us for food, fellowship, and prayer.

WOMEN GATHER



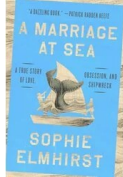
Women's GATHER Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, October 13** and **Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room. No RSVP is needed and new participants are welcome!

TEAM MEETINGS



Finance Team: Monday, October 19 at 4pm
Operations: Tuesday, October 20 at 5pm
Church Council: Tuesday, October 20 at 7pm

LCIF BOOK CLUB



This month, the Book Club will meet on **Monday, October 19 at 1:00pm** in the Conference Room to discuss A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst. For November, our group will be reading Theo of Golden by Allen Levi and meeting on Monday, November 16. New members are welcome!

“FAITH AND REASON” GROUP

Our “Faith and Reason” class meets **every Monday at 11am in the Conference Room**. This discussion group is open to the public and will be facilitated by **Jeff Brandt**, of LCIF, and by **Henry Fliegel**, a professional astronomer (retired).

This session will focus on Reza Aslan’s book, No god but God: the Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam. The purpose of our current study will not be to compare belief systems or political ideologies. That is, we will steer away from analyzing the topic as a “clash of civilizations.”

Instead, as our author, Reza Aslan, suggests, we will use the discussions to come to a “broader [. . .] understanding of religion itself,” that is, how religions grow out of stories attempting to capture feelings of transcendence (or connection to a Higher Power) experienced by members of a community. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed.

LCIF’S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Our lesson for Reformation (Oct 25) is John 8:31-36—*“Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth”*.

LCIF has a window for John 8-12 (earlier in this chapter) called “Christ, the Light of the World.” This is a symbol of the mission Jesus takes for himself. Below is the orb of the earth and, shining above, is a burning light. Light, for Jesus, comes from beyond himself. God made Jesus to be man’s spiritual light. Jesus shines as the a brightness of God to light the way. He is truth which we may safely follow. As Jesus says, “He who follows me shall not walk in darkness.”

- Renee Brandt

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Roger Schulke - Oct. 4
Don Carp - Oct. 12
Maggie Dillard - Oct. 16
Mona Dillard - Oct. 16
Greg Hiscott - Oct. 27

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Michelle Gropper - Oct. 5
Colin & Sarah Legerton - Oct. 17
Pat & Tina Hartney - Oct. 20

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 rehearses on Sundays before Worship. Starting on October 4, the choir will rehearse both before service and after Fellowship.

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

Lutheran Day of Service

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity



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San Gabriel Valley
Habitat
for Humanity

Join us for another day of service with SGV Habitat for Humanity as we help rebuild homes in Altadena for families recovering from the Los Angeles wildfires!

Event: Saturday, 10/24/2026
Registration Deadline: Friday 10/9/2026

Ways to Volunteer

Construction Volunteers:
Sign up directly with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild homes in Altadena. Limited spaces available. Must be 16 or older.

Construction Volunteer Sign Up:
bit.ly/LutheranRebuild

To donate to the Disaster Relief Fund, use the link below and select "Disaster Relief Fund" from the drop-down menu.
bit.ly/DisasterReliefGive

Lunch Support Volunteers:
Help serve and energize fellow volunteers! Feel free to bring a dessert or drinks to share. Lunch will be provided at Christ the Sheperd Lutheran Church in Altadena at 12:00pm.

Lunch Volunteer Sign Up:
Email Victoria Villa
Disaster Relief Coordinator
victoria@socalsynod.org.

Southwest California Synod Disaster Relief Ministry



ARE YOU EL NIÑO READY?

El Niño can contribute to intense winter weather and periods of heavy rain. Every El Niño is different, so now is a good time to prepare your household, vehicle, and congregation for winter storms.

PREPARE · STAY INFORMED · CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS

LIVE NEAR A RECENT BURN AREA?

Heavy rain can create an increased risk of flash flooding, mudslides, and debris flows in and around wildfire burn areas.

Pay close attention to weather forecasts and local emergency alerts. Be prepared to leave if an evacuation warning or order is issued.

Never drive or walk through floodwater.

LEARN MORE & GET PREPARED

- ✓ **NOAA:** Understanding El Niño
- ✓ **Ready.gov:** Preparedness for households, vehicles, kids & older adults
- ✓ **Local Public Works:** Flood preparation & sandbag locations

3 THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

Emergency alerts provide information about severe weather, flooding, evacuation warnings, road conditions, and other hazards.

Los Angeles County: Alert LA County
City of Los Angeles: NotifyLA
Ventura County: VC Alert
Santa Barbara County: ReadySBC

Not sure which system serves your community? Visit CalAlerts.org to find your local emergency alert system.

CALL 211 FOR LOCAL HELP

Dial 211 to connect with local community and emergency-preparedness resources, including information about services available in your area.

Resources vary by location, so 211 can help you find local sandbag locations, preparedness assistance, and other community services.

PREPARE BEFORE THE RAIN

- Clear gutters and drains and check for leaks.
- Know your risk for flooding, mudslides, or debris flows.
- Find your nearest sandbag location before a storm.
- Prepare an emergency kit with food, water, medications, flashlights, and essentials.
- Charge phones and backup batteries.
- Make a plan for pets and anyone who may need extra assistance.
- Avoid unnecessary travel during severe weather.

OLDER ADULTS & NEIGHBORS WHO MAY NEED HELP

- ✓ Check in with older adults, homebound neighbors, people with disabilities, and others who may need assistance preparing for a storm.
- ✓ Older adults are encouraged to keep medications, important documents, emergency contacts, and necessary medical or mobility supplies easy to access.
- ✓ In Los Angeles County: Eligible homebound adults age 65+ in flood-prone areas may qualify for free sandbag delivery and installation. Call 211 to ask about the Sandbags for Homebound Seniors program.



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Call...



Help Starts Here

In need of Senior Services?

Missing out on Earned Income Tax Credit?

Need Mental Health Services?

Qualify for food stamps?

Homeless or in crisis?

Victim of violence?

Need health insurance for your kids?

Concerned about run down properties and graffiti?

Call 2-1-1 for FREE

- Free and Confidential
- 24 Hours/7 Days a Week
- Multilingual
- TTY Accessible
- Call 911 for Emergencies



Help Starts Here

- Information on LA County Services
- Food and Shelter Assistance
- Help with Landlord-Tenant Issues
- Employment Resources
- Assistance with Medi-Cal and Food Stamps
- Help with Care for Aging Parents
- Youth and Parenting Resources
- Health and Mental Health Services
- Legal Services Referrals

CALL 2-1-1 for FREE

www.211LACounty.org

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