

Lutheran Church in the Foothills

LCIF provides sanctuary, hope and healing to all, without judgement; offers answers to everyday challenges; and grows stronger so that we will be able to reach out more effectively.

Council Corner
Living Our Lutheran Legacy

As we approached the end of October, we looked forward to **Reformation Sunday**. This day in our Lutheran church calendar celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther's nailing his **95 Theses** to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, challenging the then-church "powers that be" to debate the forgiving nature of God. Does God love and accept us for what we do, that is, for our "good works," and "Christian behavior"? Or, as Luther argued from his deep study of the Bible, does God forgive and love us by his grace alone? As Lutherans, we now live according to Luther's motto of "Faith alone, Grace alone, and Scripture alone."

In our contemporary world, LCIF strives to bring something of Luther's theology to our broader community by seeking to share God's grace when and where we can. Last month, the church was honored to be among 5 recipients of an **award from the Civitan Service Club of Pasadena** for employers "committed to the employment of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities." This is in reference to our hiring members of Tierra del Sol to handle the janitorial duties on our church campus. The certificate was presented by Mayor Gordo of Pasadena and generously mentioned that "your organization looked beyond the label of a disability and saw a person who merited a chance at employment ... [thereby] making a stronger, richer community." Tierra del Sol has proved a blessing to us, even more so, in many ways.

Our Mission and Ministry Team has been active in helping to plan to our Fall schedule.

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NOVEMBER 2026

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 of God's love for all persons.

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

Sunday Service and Sunday School:
10:00am

Office Hours:
9:00am - 1:00pm
Monday - Thursday

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Worship Servers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
All Saints Day
Altar Guild: Janice Schettini
Communion Asst.: Jeff Brandt
Fellowship: Renee Brandt
Lector: Janice Schettini
TMT: Jim Goris
Usher/Greeter: David Haxton

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Renee Brandt
Communion Asst.: Chris Craney
Fellowship: Lori Moody
Lector: Liz Craney
TMT: The Hiscotts, Cameron Hall
Usher/Greeter: Jim Goris

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: Janet Cassidy
Communion Asst.: Jane McMahon
Fellowship: Yvonne Baldwin
Lector: Jane McMahon
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Roger Schulke

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Guild: GariLynn Hiscott
Communion Asst.: Craig Gropper
Fellowship: Janet Cassidy
Lector: Craig Gropper
TMT: The Hiscotts, Braden Hall
Usher/Greeter: Joe Johnson

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Eve
Lector: GariLynn Hiscott
TMT: Renee Brandt

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Altar Guild: Jeff Brandt
Communion Asst.: Gavin Hall
Fellowship: Janice Schettini
Lector: TBD
TMT: Renee Brandt
Usher/Greeter: Jeff Brandt

LCIF WINS "OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER" AWARD



Lutheran Church in the Foothills was recently named an **Outstanding Employer of the Year for 2026** by the Civitan Club of Pasadena. The award recognizes the congregation's partnership with Tierra del Sol, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities.

Through the collaboration, LCIF employs the participants to assist with church facility care. "The Civitan Club of Pasadena believes that employment of individuals with disabilities enhances our community by building the employee's independence and increasing participation in community life," the organization stated on LCIF'S award certificate. "At the same time, negative stereotypes and physical and attitudinal barriers are eliminated."

LCIF Council members **Jeff Brandt** and **Mike Meeker** attended the ceremony to accept the honor on behalf of the church.

LCIF BOX SCORE FOR OCTOBER 2026

September Offerings	Offerings thru 9/30/26	Budget Surplus/Deficit
$7,704	$45,420	September expenses: $20,761 September income (total): $14,109
Needed monthly: $15,233	Year to Date Budget: $45,700	This month: <$6,652> Year to Date: +$1422
<$7,529>	<$279>	Budgeted Deficit YTD: <$11,229> (ahead by $12,652)

End of 1st Quarter (reflecting Income and Expenses Through September 30, 2026)

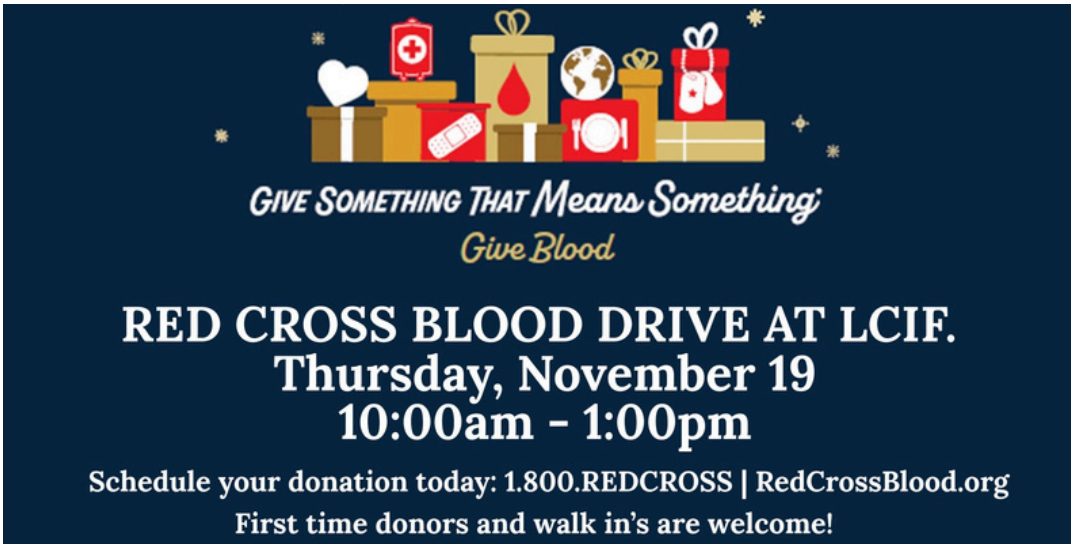
COUNCIL CORNER

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Please mark your calendars for our **Thanksgiving Eve service** on Wednesday, November 25th at 7pm. We will be hosting Mt. Olive Lutheran Church for worship and a **PIE SOCIAL** following the service.

Finally, we are proposing to re-start our **acolyte program** to allow the young people in our congregation – older elementary and middle school students – to participate in our services. We are pleased and hopeful to see this program re-started.

Quoting Luther,"Keep the Faith,"
Jeffrey Brandt, V.P., for the Church Council



PRAYER BREAKFAST



All are welcome to join us for Prayer Breakfast, held on the first Thursday of the month at 9am at the La Cañada McDonald's. Our next gathering will be on **Thursday, November 5 at 9am**. Get your breakfast and join us for food, fellowship, and prayer.

TEAM MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER



Mission & Ministry: Tuesday, November 3 at 2pm
Operations: Tuesday, November 17 at 5pm
Church Council: Tuesday, November 17 at 7pm
All are welcome - meetings are in the Conference Room.

LCIF BOOK CLUB



This month, the Book Club will be discussing Theo of Golden by Allen Levi on **Monday, November 16 at 1pm** in the Conference Room. For December, our book will be A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flag.

WOMEN GATHER



Women GATHER will meet on Tuesday, November 24 at 1pm in the Conference Room. GATHER offers a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or any woman who is interested in how faith relates to the issues facing women today.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS AND SCHOOL KITS



On October 11, **Viv Vega** performed a blessing of almost 40 quilts and 90 school kits before the items were sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for global distribution to those in need.

The quilts were lovingly made by LCIF's Quilters and, according to LWR, they will "provide warmth, bedding, and shelter to people facing poverty, conflict, and natural disasters around the world".

Thanks to the generosity of church members and the local community, the school kits were assembled after a summer-long school supply drive during ELCA's "God's Work. Our Hands." service day held annually in September. For more information about LWR and these projects, you can visit **www.lwr.org.**



Happenings

November Birthdays
Lynn Banfi - Nov. 3
GariLynn Hiscott - Nov. 3
Janet Cassidy - Nov. 4
Glen Gustafson - Nov. 4
Christian Coleman - Nov. 5
Derek Starleaf - Nov. 7
Alonzo Copper - Nov. 19
David Haxton - Nov. 20
Emily DiPetrillo - Nov. 23
Lori Moody - Nov. 24
Carole Brown - Nov. 25

November Anniversaries
Emily DiPetrillo & Jeremy Dillard
November 8
Glen Gustafson & Jane McMahon
November 22

Prayer List
If you would like someone added to our Prayer List, please send their name to office@lcifoothills.org

Sunday Service - 10am
Sunday School during worship for children in 1st - 4th grade

Choir Rehearsals
The choir rehearses on Sundays at 9:15am 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
1st Thursday of the month
9am at La Canada McDonald's

Quilters
Saturdays at 9am
in the Quilting Room

OUR NEWSLETTER HAS A NEW LOOK!

Let us know what you think! Because Microsoft retired it's Publisher software, we switched to using Canva. We may make additional adjustments as we select our long-term desktop publishing tools and format. Remember: you can get a print or digital version of our monthly newsletter. We also welcome submission for upcoming happenings and pictures from past LCIF events.

LCIF'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Each newsletter includes is an image of a stained glass window from our sanctuary along with an explanation.

Parable of Ten Virgins—Matthew 25:1

The story of the ten young women tells about preparation and failure. Lamps were lit and lamps went out. In the symbol, one lamp is burning because there was foresight of need and preparation for it. The flameless lamp tells of disappointment and embarrassment. Jesus used the parable to say that he was coming back to gather mankind. There would be many who would not be ready to greet him. Those who greet him in preparation by faith and life would be welcomed and received at the festival of God's eternal kingdom. It is important to be ready when Christ comes.

Acknowledgment: The description of the windows is from a pamphlet created by Jeremy Serrano when he was serving LCIF.

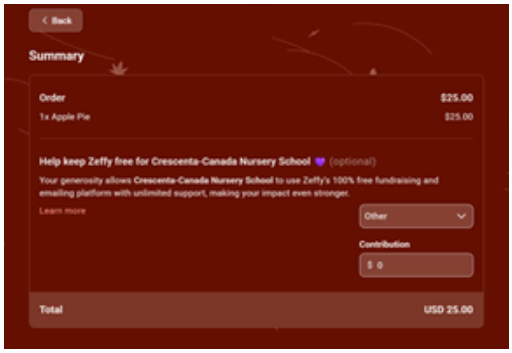


Marie Callender's Pie Fundraiser for Crescenta Canada Nursery School!

Celebrate the season with delicious, freshly baked pies — and support CCNS at the same time!

How to Order:
Scan the QR code on the flyer to place an online order.

Note about Payment:
At the end of checkout, you'll see a "tip" screen (see image below for reference). That section is not for CCNS — it's for the hosting site, Zeffy. Please select "Other" and input 0 if you don't wish to donate to Zeffy.



If you'd prefer to pay by check, please contact Emily at 818.790.1951 or office@lcifoothills.org.

Pie Pick-Up:
Tuesday, November 24
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Location: CCNS – 1700 Foothill Blvd, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 9101