

**LAKESIDE COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Our Supported Missions:

- Leona Edic & Jennifer Edic Bryant
Literacy & Evangelism Africa/Central America
- Dave & Sylvia Riggs
Wycliffe Bible Translators, Mexico
- Steve & Debbie Robinson
Mission Aviation Fellowship, Idaho
- Dave & Linda Ringenberg
Mission Aviation Fellowship, Indonesia
- Sudanese Church**
- San Diego Military Outreach Ministry**
- Presbyterian Urban Ministries**
- Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana**
- Lakeside Christian Helps Center**
- Presbyterian Missions (shared)**
- Sudanese Church of San Diego**
- Daniel Nunez, Kingdom Builders**

When you finish reading this newsletter,
please share it with family and neighbors.

Romans 10:14-21

“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”



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LCPC CONNECTIONS

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DIRECTORY

“All members are ministers in Christ's Service”

- Rev. Tim Avazian, Pastor
- Silvia Serrano, Office Manager
- Ron Hilley, Director of Music
- Garry Smith, Treasurer
- Suzy Smith, Caretaker
- Joanne Laird, Nursery Attendant

2024 LCPC OFFICERS:

- Clerk of Session:** Linda Sunkel
- Elders:** Sheila King, Nancy Adams, Lisa Hultman, John Sunkel, , Garry Smith, Gerie Morrin, Gary MacDonald
- Deacons:** Chris Crawford, Suzy Smith, Ruth Boudreau, Sioux Swart, Mark Vettel, Shirley Wilson, Joy Wray

Sola Scriptura – Sola Fide – Solo Gratia -

Solo Christo – Soli Deo Gloria

(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone - Christ Alone - To the Glory of God Alone)

“A Confessing Presbyterian Church”



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Practicing The Way (Part 2)

*“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”
(Colossians 2:6 & 7)*

So how do you and I grow deeply rooted and built up in our love of Christ?

Is it by doing more: praying more, fasting, memorizing Scripture, studying the Bible more, being more generous? Those are all good things and things that a Christ-follower should do, but when I think about those spiritual disciplines, I get tired. It seems like more of a burden, another thing to do.

But Jesus is quoted in Matthew chapter 11 saying that He provides an “easy yoke” and that His “burden is light.” Here is what He said:

*“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
(Matthew 11:28-30)*

So how do we integrate these spiritual disciplines into our lives but not make them a burden or a legalistic litmus test? How do we take Jesus’ words at their face value, that “His yoke is easy and His burden is light?”

At the end of September, we are going to provide everyone with the opportunity to learn on how to do this. Together we are going to learn to “be with Jesus, become like Him, and do as He did” by going through the book, Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer.

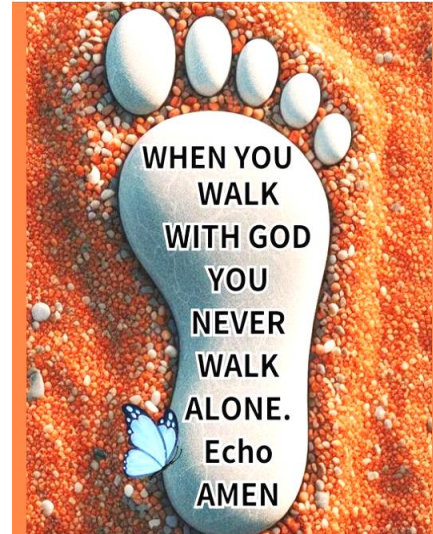
Between now and the end of September, here is what you need to do:

- **Pray.** Pray on how you might participate in practicing on how to follow Jesus. Also pray for others that will be participating in following the Way of Jesus. This is an important first step as we seek to follow Jesus.
- **Second: Get the Book.** You can purchase the book Practicing the Way on Amazon, which has the best price, but if you need help in purchasing the book, let the church office know and we will help you get one. There are also copies in our **church library** and the **San Diego County Public Library**.

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A Note from Pastor Tim - (Continued from page 1)

- **Third: Read It!** Once you have the book, start to read it. It is an easy read that will go quickly.
- **Finally: Sign-up for one of the Groups that will be going through the book between September 29 and November 17.** There will be groups that meet in person on Sundays (the adult Sunday school class), Wednesdays (in the evening from 5:30-7:00pm), and Thursdays (from 1:00-2:30pm) and also by Zoom. Or you can find someone that you know that is reading the book and meet with them and go through the materials on your own time.



The goal for us as a church is to be “deeply rooted and built up in Christ.” It is as we are grounded in our relationship with Jesus that we will be transformed people, living as His kingdom people, and making a difference for Him in our homes, our neighborhoods, our community, and our world.

I am excited about using this tool with you and seeing what God has in store for our church in the years to come because we are following Jesus more deeply.

CAN YOU HELP?

PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND CHURCH, BUT NEED A RIDE.

If you can help, please call the Church Office, 619-443-1021.

Hebrews 10:12-14

“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Best Wishes to you!

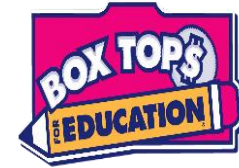


SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Cheri Rega
- 6 - Sheila King
- 11 - Ann Brady
- 13 - Kristyne Krebs
- 17 - Shirley Wilson
- 19 - Bob Hart
Pam Rega
- 20 - Sioux Swart
- 22 - Linda Ringenberg
- 23 - Carol Monroy
- 24 - Iris Newhouse
- 26 - Leona Edic
Ryan Ringenberg
- 27 - Cindy Walker
Karyn Avazian
- 28 - Marie Hart
- 29 - Pastor Bob Mentze

September Anniversaries:

- 9 - Scott & Kimberly Janes



**BOX TOP\$ NEWS –
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

The beauty of this easy program is to simply turn in your receipts to the church within 14 days of purchase. The church will submit your receipt and if any item you purchased was identified with a Box Top\$, the preschool earns money. If you download the Box Top\$ APP, you can submit digital receipts too. Remember there are over 80 brands and 350 participating products that have the Box Top\$ logo.

Thank you for your continued support.



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**LET YOUR CHILDREN LEARN
IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE
LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER**

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CDA & YMCA Subsidies Accepted - Openings available



- ✓ Ages 2-5
- ✓ Certified Staff
- ✓ Kindergarten Prep
- ✓ Faith Based
- ✓ Social Learning
- ✓ Curriculum
- ✓ Family support



DEACONS REPORT

Your Deacons met originally, on the first Sunday of each month, but to facilitate serving the monthly communion service, changed their monthly meeting to the second Sunday of each month beginning August of 2024. Although the Deacons did not meet in the month of July, their work continued by the following:

- Gave rides for Sunday Services to local church attenders
- Provided servers and beverages for Pastor Van's Good-bye lunch in June
- Lemonade for VBS in August
- Helped serve for Ed Goshen's July 21st Memorial service
- Financial requests for assistance were unanimously approved through E-Poll motions in January and June of 2024
- Donations to Neighborhood Health, Eat & Greet, and medical transportations continued
- Scrip Gift Cards for the needy were purchased from money donated to the Deacon Fund, and were made available for the Pastor and office to distribute to those seeking assistance
- Vehicle transportation provided for church members to needed medical appointments.

The Deacons are thankful and grateful for your continued monetary donations each month which enable us to carry on the work our Lord God has charged His church to accomplish. May God bless and keep you and your families in good health in 2024 and continue to bless His church in Lakeside.

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER NEWS

The Center needs easy pop-top canned food: tuna, pasta, chili, and pork & beans, and fruit/vegetables, as well as breakfast & granola bars; blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels; 16oz, or smaller, bottles of water.

The Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, and the fourth Saturday of the month, with the same hours. If you know of someone who may need a little extra help, the Center may be reached at (619) 561-3488.

**HOPE 4 THE HOMELESS LAKESIDE (H4HL)
& THE THINK DIGNITY SHOWER MOBILE**

Both of these organizations are in need of men and women's clothes and shoes (**special request for shoe size 10 and up**), hygiene supplies, underwear (new), snacks, bike patch kits, batteries, tents, tarps, backpacks, and large trash bags for cleaning up the river area. Donations may be dropped off on Sunday, in the foyer, or at the church office during regular hours.

**ONLINE GIVING
MADE EASIER THAN EVER!**

Our online giving now accepts Apple Pay, PayPal, Google Pay in addition to Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and your bank auto-payment. Online Give is a secure site. It's easy, safe and you control when, the amount, and how often you wish to give.

Your generosity of gifts is extremely important to us to keep our ministry running, where we continue to see God transforming lives for the purpose of spreading the Gospel.

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS
YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SOME
OF YOUR CHURCH & SCHOOL'S
PROGRAMS**

- ✓ You pay face value, and the church gets back a percentage of the card purchases.
- ✓ We have order forms and a list of hundreds of cards available.
- ✓ Ask Jan Warren, Nancy Adams, or Suzy Smith for more information.
- ✓ Orders are taken usually on the last Sunday of the month, and are ready for pick up the following Sunday. However, there may be changes in the date orders.

Thank you for you continued support!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following provides highlights and actions from Session:

1. You have probably noticed some changes around our church campus...new landscaping around the front entrance...new roofing...new paint. A lot of hard work has been accomplished during the past months to upgrade our facilities and to provide a welcoming and updated appearance. Thank you to our own Project Manager, Sheila, King, along with Joe Conard and others who provided the hands and feet to bring these improvements to life. But there is still much to do. Session will continue to be good stewards of "what God has entrusted to this congregation," as we start ADA compliant bathroom upgrades, painting of our church steeple and other projects around our campus.
2. We were privileged to see two of our youth baptized on August 18th: Matthew and Katie Rich. Session also approved Ethan Klein and grandfather, Joe Conard, to both be baptized on September 8th. How great to see grandfather and grandson baptized on the same Sunday.
3. A successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held August 10th, 9:30 – 12:00pm. It was a joint effort between our congregation and our Children's Center as we welcomed 11 kids, and Moms who stayed to join in the fun. A great time was had by all.
4. Session approved replacing the Bible verse (which was in error) on one of our stain-glass windows in the Sanctuary at a cost NTE \$700.
5. Session approved the agreement from Degenkolb Engineers to provide drawings for glulam beam repair, at a cost of \$8,000.
6. Session approved our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 3rd, following worship.
7. Fall is always a busy time for our congregation. Session approved the following offerings and Fundraisers: Christmas in October (approved dedication of offering on October 27th); MOMs Thanksgiving boxes, and Operation Christmas Child. Session is aware that so many requests for donations may at times be overwhelming. The congregation is always encouraged to support as able, and first and foremost to support events in the life of our church with prayer.
8. As many of you know our long-time Treasurer, Jan Warren resigned as of 1 July. Session accepted her resignation, with regret, and also approved the hiring of Garry Smith to come on staff as our Church Treasurer, at 10 hours per week. We extend our thanks and gratitude to Jan for her dedication and years of service. But Jan is not going anywhere as she will continue to worship with us.
9. Due to two of our Missionary retirements (Chynoweth's and Robinson's), Session approved an increase of \$1,000 per year to the Riggs, the Edic and the Ringenberg ministries.
10. In the fall we will be using small groups and Sunday school to embark on a church-wide study, using **Practicing the Way** by John Mark Comer. It is a book that will provide opportunities for encouragement, prayer and study as we help each other to be "more like Jesus."
11. **Financial update.** We have been doing much better this year than last as far as our operations. As of the end of June, our balance was **-\$1,711.43**. The month of July saw giving below expectations with higher expenses and three paydays. At the end of July, we had a balance of **-\$12,334.55**.



EAT & GREET

Everyone is Welcome
Join Us for a Free Meal

12:15 pm
Sunday, September 29

Taco Salad Bar
Games & Door Prizes

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EAT & GREET LUNCH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, AT 12:15PM

You are invited to our monthly luncheon in the Fellowship Hall for a Taco Salad Bar lunch. We have outstanding live music for your enjoyment, fun and exciting games, and door prizes! Join us and our neighbors for these great activities. Let's share the love of Jesus in a time of sweet fellowship! This is a free event, and all are welcome.