LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Solo Christo – Soli Deo Gloria

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

"A Confessing Presbyterian Church"



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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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A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Being the Church

I need to make a confession to all of you!

I like eating donuts! My favorites are glazed donuts with chocolate icing. Yummy!

Here is another confession. The chocolate donuts at Mary's Donuts in Lakeside are really good. Whenever I get the craving for a chocolate glazed donut, that is where I head. Now I don't know all of the people behind the counter but they know me enough that some of them ask, "Are you interested in getting your usual?" That is a little embarrassing but it is fun to be known!

Being acknowledged by others is something most of us like. It is an indication by another person that you are known. That is an important part of being a church. We need to be known by one another.

Going to church is a counter-cultural thing, especially for us in San Diego. There are so many different options to do on a Sunday like going to the beach, or taking a hike, or going out to breakfast with friends. So, when we come to church, it is nice when we are known, when we are greeted by one another with a friendly "hello" and a warm smile.

I think that one motivating factor for a person to attend church is the relationships that they have with others. When I know someone and they know me, I feel a connection. It is something that I look forward to and when someone is not there, I miss that connection. That is an important part of being a church, being a family of faith.

So this month, think of someone you can invite to church in the near future. Pray about it. Think of someone who might like coming to LCPC. Maybe they would like coming to a Sunday worship service or to one of our upcoming ministry events like Trunk or Treat or our Prayer Breakfast in November or maybe one of our holiday services like the Christmas Concert or Christmas Eve Service. Maybe there is someone that needs to come to church because of a situation in their life or because of a relationship that needs mending.

And when they come, give them a big "hello" and help them feel welcomed to this place we call church.

FROM YOUR SESSION:

- Session approved a \$5,000 donation (from our Missions Fund) to Samaritan's Purse for victims and those displaced by the Hurricane Helene that have affected so many in Florida, Georgia and the Carolina's.
- Session approved November 3rd as the date for our Annual Congregational Meeting, following Worship. We will be approving the Pastor's compensation for 2025, and reviewing the 2025 budget. We also be approving our slate of Deacons and Elders for service beginning next year.
- Session approved our annual "Trunk or Treat" (with a pumpkin hunt added to the fun, on October 26th). Volunteers are needed.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUPS BIBLE STUDY

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.

Sign up in the foyer. We hope to see you soon!

Sundays - 11:00am, meets in Rooms 1 & 2

Wednesdays - 5:30-7:00pm, Fireside Room

Thursdays - 10:30am-12:00pm, Fireside Rm

Zoom

JONI & FRIENDS MINISTRY

Joni is Joni Eareckson Tada, known by some as the woman who became a quadriplegic at seventeen and became a well-known painter, holding a paintbrush in her mouth. She is an incredible Christian spokesperson, global leader in disability advocacy, founder and CEO of an amazing Christian Ministry, but above all she loves the Lord and is determined to help others. So what does this have to do with LCPC? While no one, especially our church, likes to discuss money, it is a necessity and this is where Joni and Friends and LCPC come together. We want to be a church that is welcoming and can accommodate the disabled as we worship the Lord, share God's purpose and His love.

Several months ago LCPC wrote a grant request to Joni and Friends requesting their maximum grant of \$2500 to assist LCPC financially with converting two restrooms to be ADA compliant. We are very thankful to announce LCPC was awarded the grant. Every gift, offering and tithe is abundantly appreciated, and whenever possible, our Session also seeks grants to assist with specific church needs. We thank Joni & Friends for recognizing LCPC and our efforts to update the Narthex and Fellowship restrooms to ADA compliance.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in finding out more about LCPC? On **Sunday, October 27, after the worship service** (11:15am-12:30pm), we will be hosting a New Members Introduction Class that will help you know more about how we live out our mission statement of "Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples of Jesus." This is a great way to ask questions about the Christian faith, about LCPC, and how you can get more connected to the ministry here in Lakeside. A light lunch will be served. Contact the church office to let us know of your interest, or you can contact Pastor Tim for more details.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS Best Wishes to you!



- 8 Petra Rich
- 14 Joan Mentze Linda Sunkel
- 17 Katy Milroy
- 23 Terry Pisciotta
- 30 Tarich Hylton-Gordon

Happy Pastor's Appreciation Month, to Pastor Tim.

PRAYER QUILT NEWS

The Prayer Quilt group is busily preparing for our annual sale which will be held on Sunday, October 20th in rooms 1 & 2. As usual our hours for the sale will be 9:00-9:45am, closed for the church service, then from 11:00-noon. The sale will include many quilted, knit, crocheted and sewn items. We will also have homemade jams and other baked goods. We have a "Make an Offer" area which features a variety of small items no longer of use to the owner. If you have SMALL "treasures" you would like to put in our sale please bring these items on Monday mornings, after church or contact Jolene Rich. We hope you will all be at our sale and invite family and friends. This is our ONE money making sale of the year. These funds support our Prayer Quilt ministry in all its endeavors. We look forward to seeing you on October 20th! Submitted by: Norma Sibbet, Coordinator

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 9908 Channel Rd., Lakeside 92040 lakesidepc.org | office@lakesidepc.org | 619-443-1021 ANNUAL PRAYER QUILT SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 In Rooms 1 & 2 9:00AM - 9:45AM SALE 9:45AM-10:45AM Church Service 10:45-12:00PM SALE SALE INCLUDES: Ouilted Items **❖** Knitted Children's Items **❖** Other Handcrafted Items Homemade Jams And Other Homemade Pastries Please come join us! Cash and checks only.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SOME OF YOUR CHURCH & SCHOOL'S SMALL PROJECTS/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!

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER

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.



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.

HELP NEEDED: PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND CHURCH, BUT NEED A RIDE.

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

Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church livestreams our services and engages in social media platforms as a means to engage and communicate church activities. This means your image may be visible to the public. Participation in worship or other church events shall be considered consent to the use of the photo as described, unless written notification to prohibit is received by the church office. Contact us office@lakesidepc.org, or visit our website at: lakesidepc.org.

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LPCC TIMES

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Happy October Everyone!

We are getting into our routine with our students and hope that they are enjoying school as much as we are enjoying having them here. It was great seeing so many friendly faces at Back to School Night.

We have some very exciting and full months ahead of us, filled with fun events and activities. For October, in additiona to learning about Jesus, Bible stories and verses, and letters and numbers, we have: Dental Assembly, Chapel, Picture Day, Great American Shake Out, Wear Orange Day, and The Great Pumpkin Hunt & Trunk-Or-Treat with LCPC.

See's Fundraiser - We will begin our annual See's candy fundraiser October 1 and will end December 6. We will have the orders back before Christmas. This is a big fundraiser. We are saving up for an outdoor exploration center. Thank you in advance for your help!

We had a great first month, and we are looking forward to our preschool journey together!

Thank you for your participation and support in the student's learning and growing this year!

La Teresa Oropeza, Director

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CDA & YMCA Subsidies Accepted -Openings available

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





BOX TOP\$ HELPS OUR SCHOOL

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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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THE BOOK OF RUTH

Our current study is on the Book of Ruth, "Hoping in God's Loyal Love." It is an amazing book, and we hope you will be encouraged to join us on Mondays at 3:00pm, in the Fireside Room.

NEW! MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, THE BOOK OF JUDGES

We start a new study on Monday, October 7. All men are invited to meet with us every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:00pm, in the Fireside Room.

Young At Heart A Ministry for Senior Citizens

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OUR YOUNG AT HEART group will celebrate All Saints Day, and the saints in our lives, with a Salad & Dessert Potluck lunch on Friday, October 18, at 12:00pm, in Rooms 1 & 2. Bring a salad or dessert to share. We will provide the usual beverages. Following lunch, we will share memories of the treasured saints we know and love; afterwards, we will play Bingo.

Please sign up on the patio during Fellowship time.

If you have questions, call the church office, or Gary MacDonald.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As we begin the last 4 months of 2024, I feel a status update is in order. January to April of 2024 was awesome. LCPC was only \$519.38 in the red or negative (in 2023 we were \$13,038.15 in the red). The next 4 months (May-August) were disappointing: a small negative increase for May was followed by 3 more months of larger negative so at the end of August LCPC is \$23,559.90 in the red, which is still better than 2023, when LCPC was \$26,030.89 in the red. The summer months showed a significant drop in giving, which I assumed was caused by Summer Vacations.

As we enter the final 4 months of 2024, I hope we return to exceeding our pledges, as we did in January through April. A gentle reminder, that we have Building Fund envelopes in the pews. After all the work we have done to our campus we need to rebuild the funds for campus improvements. Thank you to all who are already making donations to the Building Fund. Please pray for our church's finances, and pray for the Children's Center, which has many openings due to students who graduated, and went to public school in August.

Praise God for His blessings and seek His wisdom and guidance, as we daily serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In God's Service,

Garry Smith, Chairman of Stewardship and Property

Hebrews 7:24-26

"...but because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

Such a high priest truly meets our need—One who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens."

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Monetary donations will be used for the shipping / classes or for LCPC to purchase items, please make your check payable to LCPC and in the note field write: OCC (Operation Christmas Child). You can also make a donation using the church ONLINE Giving by going to www.lakesidepc.org. Online Giving is a secure site. The Giving page provides a dropdown field for the type of fund, such as Tithes, Deacons, OCC, Memorial etc. Click on OCC and make your donation. You will receive an online confirmation thank you and our Treasurer receives a weekly and monthly report that lists all online giving including the designated funds you selected. Online giving accepts Credit Cards, Debit Cards, ApplePay and GooglePay.

This may seem like a lot to ask, but always begin with prayer. Pray about how and what you can do to be an active missionary in our church's participation in OCC. Pray that our gifts, given in the spirit of Christian love be used in a way to demonstrate our love of Christ and people. Pray that through these gifts, we can along with the field volunteers teach the children, parents and villages of God's Word.

If you have any questions, please see Sheila King.

May God richly bless you,

Discipleship/Missions Committee

HOSPITAL STAY & PRAYER

If you or someone you know has a stay in the hospital, please contact the church office, so that our prayer partners will be in prayer for you or for them. It is our desire, as a body of Christ, to look to the wellbeing of our church family. We would like to extend prayer and care in whatever way that we can. Unless we are made aware of a hospital stay, we will not know of the need. We would rather get the same notification several times, than none at all.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT & TRUNK-OR-TREAT, **SATURDAY, OCT. 26, FROM 4:30-6:00PM**

Please pray for our upcoming event. Volunteers are needed for this outreach. See Sunday's bulletin for details.



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Pumpkin Hunt Preschool to Kindergarten 4:30 pm to 5:00pm



Trunk or Treat 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Come join the fun! Hope to see you there! 9

LCPC AND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SAMARITAN'S PURSE

"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14, ESV

Last year, together as one body provided 121 Christmas boxes along with providing 12 Gospel lessons for each child. Our boxes were delivered to the Philippines.

LCPC is committed to support Operation Christmas Child and ask for your support and prayers. Yes, we would like to meet a goal of creating 100 Operation Christmas Child boxes & raising \$1600 for shipping and providing 12 Gospel lessons, The Greatest Journey, for 100 children.

Please note: We will collect items to put into the boxes, or you may provide a monetary gift and we will purchase items and pay for the shipping costs and Gospel lessons. Together we will fill the boxes on a Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. During the building of the boxes LCPC will provide refreshments and goodies to the volunteers. This is such a fun event and everyone is invited to participate.

There is a collection box in the Narthex for you to drop off a toy, personal care item, accessories such as socks, sunglasses. Please identify if the item is for a Boy or Girl and one of three age categories.

Boy	2-4 years old	Girl	2-4 years old
Boy	5-9 years old	Girl	5-9 years old
Boy	10-14 years old	Girl	10-14 years old

Yes - Give a "WOW" item soccer ball (not inflated) with hand pump, stuffed animal, shoes, doll; Personal Care: toothbrush, washcloth, comb, hairbrush, small empty plastic bottle; School supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators;

Accessories: socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

No - Do not give toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, no food, no candy, no lotions or liquids, no vitamins, no glass containers or aerosol cans.

In early November we will set up tables in the Fellowship Hall by gender and age categories and **together we will fill the boxes**. There will be something for everyone to be able to participate in and afterwards we will have goodies and refreshments for everyone.

Of course you are always welcomed to fill a box and return the filled box to the church, but we understand filling a box can be costly, not to mention our goal of raising funds for shipping and 12 classes. Therefore, consider giving a small item and placing it in the collection box. Your item will become part of our overall collection for the large packing day. (Continued on page 9)

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We Love God, Love People & Make Disciples of Jesus

Worship with us Sunday at 9:45 AM
Kids & Adult Sunday School
Small group studies
Youth group ~ get togethers
Prayer Quilt - no experience needed
Senior & Retired - events
Women's group ~ fun activities
Singers & musicians, come sing with us
Special holiday festivities
Preschool 619-443-2887

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CALLING ALL LADIES

If you have not participated in one of our Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) events, it is not too late. We are about having fun, supporting each other, and sharing the love of Jesus with those who may be experiencing a difficult time. Each month, we plan an outing, and each quarter we get together with a light breakfast, followed by a devotional, and then we make Sunshine Bags to give to women in our church and community, who could use a little sunshine. Please consider coming to one or all of our remaining events. Bring a friend or invite a neighbor, the more the merrier!

Oct. 18, (Friday)
-6PM Pizza & movie, Sheila King's home
-9AM Poway Farmers Market, carpool from the church

Dec. 10, (Tuesday)
-11AM Balboa Park Christmas decorations, lunch and museum
Free Day

Dec. 28, (Saturday) -9AM Fireside Room, Sunshine bags, devotional & breakfast

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WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are a variety of ways that you can make a difference in the mission of our church. Your various contributions help us to live out that mission:

To Love God, Love People and Make Disciples of Jesus

Below are a variety of ways that you can help live this mission in our world:

Use your Gifts and Talents in Ministries at LCPC

As a family of faith, your gifts and talents are essential for LCPC to function. We are not the church without you. As each of us use our gifts, we are able to be God's Kingdom people here in Lakeside, East County and beyond. Your spiritual gifts will help us to be the church and to grow the church. Your talents and skills will help us to function as a church family. We need one another to be the Body of Christ.

Serve on a Committee or as an Elder or Deacon

Our church structure functions through the service of two elected offices: Elders and Deacons. These are the official ways that we function and run the church. Anyone may volunteer to serve on a committee (You don't have to be a member to serve on a committee but you do have to be an Elder to chair the committee). The standing committees at LCPC are: Spiritual Life (that oversees the worship and outreach), Discipleship and Missions (that oversees education and our mission outreach), Personnel and Preschool Board (that oversees the personnel of the church and serve as the Board of the Preschool), and Stewardship and Property (that oversees the finances of the church and the maintenance of the church buildings and grounds). The Deacons function as a separate body and serve the church by giving oversight to the various ministries of care by our church.

Make a Financial Donation In-Person, By Mail, Electronically or Online

You can make a financial donation at our worship services.

Mailing contributions to LCPC – 9908 Channel Road, Lakeside, CA 92040.

You can make a direct electronic donation through your financial institution.

You can make online contributions by secure giving through the LCPC website at: https://www.lakesidepc.org/give/

Yearly Pledge Cards help us to make financial plans and are available in the church office.

In-Kind Donations

There are a variety of specific, in-kind donations that can be used by the church for various ministry activities. Donations of these items (i.e. a case of bottled water, sleeves of paper cups for coffee, napkins, paper, disinfecting wipes) are helpful so that budgeted money can go toward other ministry causes. Call the church office for what is needed and a list of specific items. (*See below the items that are need). Tax donation receipts are available if you desire.

Community Service

Serving our community is another way that we make a difference for God's Kingdom here in Lakeside. There are a variety of opportunities, some on a regular basis (i.e. Lakeside HELPS Center) and others on

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a one-time basis. The church office has a list of activities where we serve. (*See the opportunities to serve in our community on the attached list below)

SCRIP Gift Cards

LCPC offers Scrip gift cards to over 100 retailers like restaurants (Panera Bread, Starbucks, Olive Garden and many more), fast-food eateries, grocery stores (Sprouts, Albertsons, Vons), gas stations, Office Depot, Home Depot, Amazon, Michaels, Nordstrom, and many, many more. Rebates to the church range from 3–12% depending on the retailer and are used to fund ministries here at LCPC. Contact the church office for details of participating retailers and how you can purchase Scrip gift cards.

Recyclable Bottles and Cans

We collect recyclable bottles and cans for cash and use these funds for LCPC ministries.

Retirement Plan Contributions

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) as a gift without incurring taxes.*

Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds

If you directly transfer your appreciated stock to LCPC instead of selling these first, you will not pay any capital gains tax and you may be entitled to a tax deduction.*

Endowment Funds

Create a memorial or legacy gift that will provide a source of support to our church in perpetuity.*

*Consult with your tax advisor to determine your estimated personal tax benefits and/or our church's treasurer.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

- Ream of Paper for Copy Machine (preferably white paper)
- Paper Cups (Smart & Final 16oz Hot Cups Café Collection, 50 cups in a sleeve)
- Tops for Hot Paper Cups (Smart & Final Tops that fit 16oz Hot Cups)
- Case of Bottled Drinking Water
- Case of Toilet Paper (Costco)
- Case of Paper Towels (Costco)
- Napkins
- Kleenex
- Disinfecting Wipes
 - o Call the church office if you have a question about a specific item.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Serving at Eat & Greet
- Serving at the Lakeside Christian HELPS Center
- Picking up trash at Lindo Lake Park
- Volunteering at the Lakeside Historical Society
- Working/Maintaining the Lakeside Community Garden
- Serving at the LCPC Booth at the **Spirit of Christmas on Maine Ave.**
 - Serving as a host at **Lakeside Western Days** staging area (takes place at LCPC)