

**LAKESIDE COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone -
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“A Confessing Presbyterian Church”



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

Psalm 96:1-3

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.**
- 2 Sing to the Lord, praise His name;
proclaim His salvation day after day.**
- 3 Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous deeds among all
peoples.**



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A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Happy Thanksgiving!

I love this time of year!

It isn't because the temperatures have dropped below 80 degrees, which is sweater weather here in Lakeside!

No, I love this time of year because of all the great sporting events that take place. In the world of sports, baseball's World Series has taken place, football games are in full swing, and basketball is just getting started. As you can tell, I love sports.

I love it when a baseball player, in his team's last at-bat, has a "walk-off" game-winning hit! (Hooray for Freddie Freeman on the Dodgers) Teammates stream out of the dugout and pile upon the game's hero, the home team fans scream their appreciation, "high-fiving" each other, congratulating one another for the dramatic win. There is euphoria in the ballpark and there is nothing like it in sports.

This doesn't just happen in the big leagues. From slow-pitch softball fields in city parks to high school stadiums, on the soccer pitch or the volleyball court, the appreciative words of "Way to Go!" or

“Great Job!” can be heard when someone has made a good play or helped their team in some way.

Teammates will crowd around the one who made the play and show appreciation for what they did. It happens all the time. These moments of “thanks” on a field are spontaneous acts of gratitude for a job well-done. It is one way that people say “thanks.”

But these spontaneous acts of gratitude shouldn't only take place in competitions or on a field. They should happen in all the various aspects of our lives. Did Mom fix dinner for the family? She deserves a “thank you.” Someone open a door for you? Smile in appreciation for their kindness.

We need to understand that it is important to pause and say “thanks”. In a world that is constantly asking more from us, saying “thank you” puts things in perspective. It reminds us that we need each other. We need each other and are dependent on others as we go through life in both big and small ways, from our daily routines to a life-changing crisis.

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As people of faith, we realize we are not only dependent upon others as we go through life but we are also dependent upon God. He is the ultimate giver of the things that take place in our everyday lives and we need to tell Him “thanks”. We ought never to take them for granted for they come from a good and gracious God.

So, during this season of Thanksgiving, pause long enough to give someone a “high-five”, a text message “THX” or embrace a family member for their act of kindness. Do it enough times so that you realize you need others as you go through life and pause to give thanks to God for His provisions and His steadfast love that endures.

Happy Thanksgiving!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 3

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR
SAN DIEGO MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRIES (SDMOM)**

It is time to help some junior enlisted military families have a good Thanksgiving. Your donations of \$50.00, or more, are needed to help put together at least 20 boxes of Thanksgiving food. The actual cost of a box of Thanksgiving food - that includes a frozen turkey, stuffing mix, cranberries, variety of fresh vegetables, corn bread/muffin mix, turkey gravy, and a fresh baked pumpkin pie - may be greater than \$70.00. If you can give more than \$50.00, that would be a great help. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated. We want to help as many military families as we can.

Your donations are accepted any time, now through Nov. 24. The SDMOM organization will be picking up the food boxes on Monday, November 25, to be handed out, that afternoon, to military families.

Make your check out to LCPC, and write “Thanksgiving Box” on the memo line. Place donations in the offering plate or drop off at the office, or via our website’s Give option. Our generosity provides support physically, emotionally and spiritually for the lowest paid enlisted military families.

Thank you for putting your compassion into action.

VETERANS DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

THANK YOU, VETERANS!

The Church Office will be closed.



EAT & GREET

Join us & Share a Free Holiday Meal
Turkey with all the fixings

12:15 pm, Sunday
November 24, 2024

*Games & Door Prizes
*Live Music
by Jukebox Generations

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The poster features a cartoon turkey wearing a pilgrim hat, surrounded by pumpkins. A sign that says "Give Thanks" is also visible.

THANKSGIVING EAT & GREET, SUNDAY, NOV. 24, 12:15PM

You are invited to our monthly lunch, in the Fellowship Hall, for a Thanksgiving. In addition to a delicious dinner, we have great live music by Jukebox Generations, fun games, and free door prizes. We hope you will join us!

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 at: office@lakesidepc.org, or visit our website at: lakesidepc.org.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BEST WISHES TO YOU!

Birthdays

7 - Chris Goodale
11 - Lisa Hultman
15 - Matthew Rich
20 - Shelly Noble
23 - Jerry Opfer
25 - Adam Large
29 - Jessica Fernandez
Bill Hultman

Anniversaries

8 - Garry & Suzy Smith
13- Steve & Linda Tagney
26 - William & Jan
Warren



To my Church Family:

Most of you know that I have moved to Yuma, AZ. I needed to retire and couldn't afford to stay in Lakeside.

Some of you don't know me but I wanted to tell you all how much you have meant to me for so many years. I was baptized at the old church and went to church, Sunday school, and camp thru my younger years. I came back regular in 1981 and raised my children with the church.

In the past 43 years the church has been my second home and my sanctuary. I have experienced so much there and so many people that have come and gone. I can tell you, **everyone** that has been at this church has been so sincere and genuine. I have always felt loved and had so much support thru all my rough times. Some of you remember those. I am so grateful to have such a family.

But quitting my job has been the best thing I ever did. In the past 2 months that I have been here, I am SOOOO happy!! Everything is great in my life and all the people here are so nice and friendly. I love retirement! I have found a church yet, but at least I still get to see some of you on the live stream.... Love Wendy's jokes.

Here's my address if you want to stay in touch: 10571 E. 38th Pl. Yuma, AZ 85365

I love you all and praise God for our friendships.
Terry Pisciotta

HE CARES

By Ruth Boudreau

I'm just a lowly sinner
In need of God's great love
To lead me through this toilsome life
Then take me up above.
He sent His sweet Son Jesus
To die instead of me.
Lord, why do You care so much for me?

With all of life's temptations
He sometimes seems so far.
The devil does whatever he can
To make us forget who we are.
But then His Words of wisdom
Make goodness plain to see.
Lord, why do You care so much for me?

I pray to be like Jesus
With His sweet love and care.
Life has many pleasures
Since my wondrous Lord is there.
I pray to be more worthy
Of the gifts He sends to me.
Lord thank you that You care so much for me.

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Small Groups Bible Study meets Sundays at 11:00am, in Rooms 1 & 2, and Wednesdays at 5:30pm, in the Fireside Room.

OUR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS ON HIATUS.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, THE BOOK OF JUDGES

All men are invited for our study, every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:00pm, in the Fireside Room.

LPCC TIMES

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Happy November!

Fun was had by all at Oma's pumpkin patch. It was a great way to welcome the fall season. We learned how to plant pumpkins and got to feel the gooey inside of the pumpkin. Best part was everyone got to pick out a pumpkin.

We have a lot of fun upcoming things planned, including our **Christmas Program**. We are so excited to have our holiday performance this year. The children and teachers work hard on the Christmas songs and they really look forward to singing their hearts out for you. The Christmas program is **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary**.

On this Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving we thank God for our families, our country and for the men and women who protect it for us, at home and aboard. We appreciate our military and law enforcement families and their sacrifice for us.

Happy Thanksgiving!



La Teresa Oropeza
Director

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.



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.

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.

PRESCHOOL SEE'S FUNDRAISER

Our preschool's annual See's Candy fundraiser is going on now thru December 6. The orders will be available for pick up before Christmas. The school is saving up for an outdoor exploration center. Order forms are available in the foyer and church office; for online orders, contact the school or church office for the link.

Thank you in advance for your help!

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.

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!

- Nov. 16, (Saturday) -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

THE LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER CHRISTMAS TOY DISTRIBUTION December 14, 1-3pm at Rise City Church

Lakeside resident families with infants through high school age, may sign up Nov. 24, Dec. 2-4, from 9am-11am.

Toy donations are greatly appreciated. They may be dropped off in the foyer on Sundays, or at the church office, or the Helps Center, during office hours.

DOGS IN CHURCH

We love seeing our furry, four-footed members in church. Thank you for keeping your dogs on a short, 3-foot leash, and under control, for the safety of everyone. If a dog has nipped or attempts to nip any person, the dog will not be allowed in the Sanctuary. Should your dog need a time out, like a child, please take your dog outside.

***HELP NEEDED: PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND CHURCH, BUT NEED A RIDE.
If you can help, please call the Church Office, 619-443-1021.***

PSALM 145

A psalm of praise. Of David.

1 I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever. 2 Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. 4 One generation commends Your works to another; they tell of Your mighty acts. 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty— and I will meditate on Your wonderful works. 6 They tell of the power of Your awesome works— and I will proclaim Your great deeds. 7 They celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness. 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. 9 The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. 10 All Your works praise You, Lord; Your faithful people extol You. 11 They tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might, 12 so that all people may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does. 14 The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. 16 You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. 17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways and faithful in all He does. 18 The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. 20 The Lord watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise His Holy name for ever and ever.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our church, ministries., and community. We have not thanked you enough, and want to let you know that your dedication is essential to the work that we do. We cannot do it without you.

Thank you for all that you do!

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)
 - o Call the church office for details about specific opportunities.

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