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A few months back, Session approved formation of a Creation Care Steering Committee. We like to call ourselves The Green Team. Our charge is to look at ways LCPC can honor God's creation through our practices, worship, education, and outreach. We have just begun reaching out to staff and standing committees to talk about how we can respond to this call.

This statement by Billy Graham cogently sums up why creation care is important to Christians:

"Why should we be concerned about the environment? It isn't just because of the dangers we face from pollution, climate change, or other environmental problems—although these are serious. For Christians, the issue is much deeper: We know that God created the world, and it belongs to Him, not us. Because of this, we are only stewards or trustees of God's creation, and we aren't to abuse or neglect it. The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

When we fail to see the world as God's creation, we will end up abusing it. Selfishness and greed take over, and we end up not caring about the environment or the problems we're creating for future generations."

So what can we do to help creation thrive? Watch this space monthly for tips and scripture on creation care.

Judy Trumbo

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LEE'S LATEST



There are three questions that determine our lives: Who am I? Where do I fit? What good can I do with my life? Our entire lives are both explorations of these questions and answers to them.

We explore these questions as we grow, mature, and challenge the accepted truths of our society. We answer these questions by the way we live our lives. These are the things we hope people say about us in our eulogies.

Unfortunately, most of the time, it feels as if we are running on autopilot. We don't really ask the questions that are the most important, but instead, we simply walk the path of least resistance. Instead of living a good life, we live a "good-enough" life.

The scriptures challenge us to think deeply and differently about our lives. They call us to ask what it would really mean to live for God and His Kingdom. In our PEAK class on Wednesday nights, we are examining our lives through the scriptures to learn what it means to "Live Wisely." We hope you will join us as we drink deeply from the wisdom teachings of the Bible.

Blessings to you,
Kerry Milbrodt

Dear Friends,
As I write this, we are preparing to celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and –"Hallelujah" – Easter Sunday! I feel so blessed to be together with my LCPC family in worship. I hope that you all have experienced Jesus' impact on your lives and remember our Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) of growing in our own discipleship and introducing others to Him.

It is pure joy to prepare and serve the Maundy Thursday meal before the evening service and to share Communion with you in remembrance of Christ's last meal with his disciples. I never knew about Maundy Thursday until I came to LCPC with my young family, but it's now a precious part of Holy Week. May it be so with you and your family too.

You may remember our Deacon's Blood Drive at the end of March. Thanks to our LCPC family and local donors, we were able to collect more than 40 units of blood and the Red Cross was so

impressed they asked us to hold another blood drive in late September 2022. If you are interested and donate more than once, the last date you can donate before our September 25, 2022 drive is July 23. Thank you in advance for saving lives!

Our Deacons Scholarship Fund is growing and we are eagerly anticipating applications from our youth and anyone in our congregation who is attending a trade school, college, or grad school. Please contact Hilary Norton at: hilarynorton@me.com for more information. Our fundraiser, "Strike Up the Band," will be on Sunday, May 15, so come enjoy the wonderful music and support this important mission of our own church family.

Being a Deacon has been a truly blessed part of my life and I urge you to consider joining us in service to our community and our Lord. All we do is for His glory.



Habitat Home Build Days are On!

After a number of delays, the foundations of two homes have been poured, and now we are asking volunteers to sign up – a table will be up in the breezeway starting May 1, for our two build days, Saturdays June 4 and June 25.

Friendship Pasadena, La Canada Presbyterian, La Crescenta Presbyterian, and Pasadena Church will be working together on the two new homes being constructed at the corner of Howard and Navarro. In NW Pasadena. Additionally, we will be joined by Harambee Ministries staff. If we have enough volunteers some will work on projects at the Harambee Center, right across from our

Habitat build site. Minimally, we are looking for 6 six volunteers for each of the four shifts -2 two on June 4 and 2 two on June 25. The two shifts will join together for a free lunch in between shifts.

You have to be 16 to participate, male or female, experienced or not. You will receive direction as needed by Habitat staff. This is an opportunity to help provide affordable housing to two families, to make new friends, to learn new skills, and learn more about the housing issues in Pasadena. Head for the sign-up tables on May 1 – lead the way - get your preferred day and shift.



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**MESSENGER DEADLINE
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With May already here, I, like many of the students of LCPC, can see the summer just ahead and cannot wait for all the things that Abide Ministry has in store. This summer, we have a calendar full of incredible activities, amazing camps, and beautiful trips. Even though I'm ecstatic to participate in everything that we have planned, I am most excited for the summer camps that we have not been able to attend since 2019.

We have been so blessed in the previous years with the opportunity to take students to incredible camps such as Mount Hermon and Campus by the Sea. God works powerfully in the hearts and lives of students who attend those camps and I have seen incredible things just watching students meet God in that short time.

I am thrilled to announce the dates for these unbelievable camps and I encourage every student to consider joining us because it truly is an experience that will be remembered forever. If you have questions or concerns about these camps, whether that be financial or logistical, please contact me at: austin@lcpc.net or (818) 489-8827. I know God has so much in store for our students this summer and I'm eager to see what He teaches us through these phenomenal camps.

Campus by the Sea (Jr. High): June 30-July 3
Mount Hermon (High School): July 17-23

Austin





May is upon us, and you know what that means – Summer’s just around the corner. We’re already gearing up for all sorts of summer fun at LCPC!



Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is happening July 11-15, and this year kids will experience what it was like to live at the time of Jesus’ earthly ministry. **Jesiah** will be looking for lots of energetic volunteers, so clear your calendars and let him know you’re in! Make sure to tell your friends with kids to save the dates too.

Our **Habitat for Humanity Build Days** in Pasadena are rescheduled for Saturday, June 4, and Saturday, June 25, so be watching for sign up details. Anyone age 16 and older is invited – no building experience is needed – just a heart to serve our community. See page 2 for more details.

Now is the time to sign up for **CFC’s summer programs**. They have Day Camp for kids entering 1st-7th grades, with all sorts of fun activities planned. Infant and preschool programs are also available. Call CFC for all the details and sign-up info at (818) 249-8124.

The Fellowship Ministry is planning a fun new event for late summer called **A Taste of LCPC**. They’re looking for families who are willing to host 6-12 people for a meal in their home. If you’re interested in hosting, contact **Craig Carlson** at: carlsport@aol.com and be watching for more details.

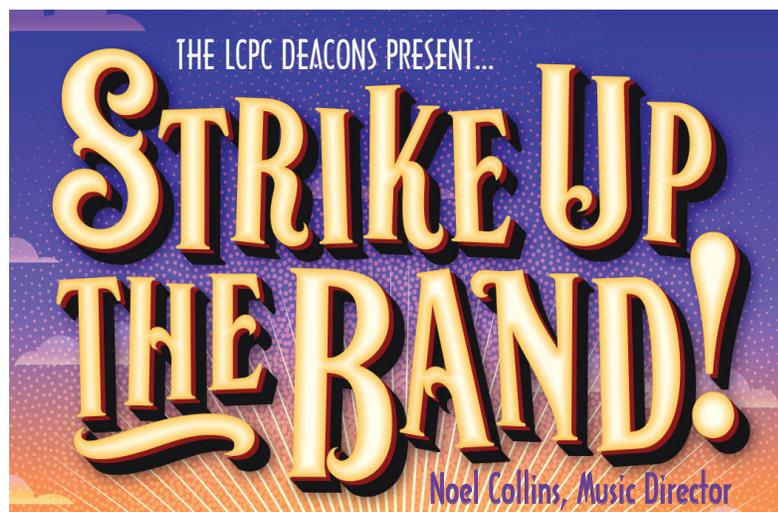
We had a glorious **Easter** celebration last month with lots of people participating in all of our Holy Week services and events, and even

a special Easter morning baptism of **Reagan Hutchins**, granddaughter of **John Tkach** and daughter of **Ryan and Jennifer Hutchins**. Thank you to the **Deacons** for the always delicious Maundy Thursday dinner and to **Darrell Fernandez** and his strong crew of helpers who raised and, rolled the Easter boulder for the Good Friday service and vigil.

So many people come together every year to make Easter special – from baking cookies, to singing in the choir or playing an instrument, to getting the campfire ready, or praying at the vigil – it all blesses our congregation. A special thank you to the team that prepared the Lenten devotional each week – **Mark Williams, Mary Braswell, Lecia Van Horn, Michele Fernandez** and **Frances Mencia**. We hope the readings helped you reflect on Lee’s sermons and the meaning of Lent. **Austin Granier’s** been sending daily devotion texts to the youth to focus their hearts and minds on God’s word too.

As part of the new plan to offer a meal after Sunday service every other month, Fellowship invites you to join them on Sunday, May 1, in Koopmans and the courtyard for a **free, light brunch**. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and welcome newcomers. Find someone you don’t know, slide up to their table, and get to know them.

The Deacons are sponsoring a dynamic **musical fundraiser** on Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary, and you’re all invited! **Strike Up the Band**, directed by **Noel Collins**, will feature a ten-piece professional band and vocal ensembles performing a mix of musical genres: swing, jazz, rock, gospel, classical and themes from TV and movies. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$15 per adult or \$30 per family. There’re also opportuni-



ties for larger sponsorship donations. All proceeds will go to the **Deacons Higher Education Scholarship Fund**, to assist students and adults who are facing the rising cost of education and job training. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. See the front page for more deets, and we

hope to see you there!

All kids and their families are invited to **Jesiah’s Park Day** on Saturday, May 14, at 2:00 PM at Two Strike Park. Come hang out, play games, and enjoy snacks with other church families. Invite a friend too!

Thank you for all who generously donated to the **Ukraine Refugee Crisis Fundraiser** last month. World Vision is on the ground in Eastern Europe and will use your gifts to provide for the many needs of displaced Ukrainian families.

Thank you also to the guest chefs that made delicious **PEAK meals** while **John Arangio** was out of town. We enjoyed fantastic meals prepared by **Mandy Carey, Torie Carlson, Linda and Gene Winfield, Scott Carpenter, Jim Granier, Darrell Fernandez, and Victor Bustillos**. It’s no easy task cooking and cleaning up for 70 people!

Now that we have two simultaneous services on Sundays with big crowds, **parking** can be challenging. We ask that if you’re able, please park down the street on Montrose Avenue or even Ramsdell, and enjoy a little stroll in to church. We’d love to save the closer spaces for our older members and newcomers. Carpooling with other family members or even nearby church members will save a parking spot and some gas use too!

We could sure use more **volunteers to usher**, since our usher needs have doubled. Ushering is a great way to get to know the people in our congregation and it’s any easy job. If you can smile, hand out bulletins, collect money and count people, you’re hired! Contact **Isabel Adams** at: isadams@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

We’re really going to miss **Ed and Shirley Carlson**, as they head back to Ohio this month, for good. Each year, they’ve been spending the

winter and spring months in La Crescenta, but they have decided to enjoy their beautiful lakefront Ohio home all year long. We’re so grateful for the love and service you have given to LCPC over the years.

Jamie and Wyatt Given are very excited to be adding a baby boy

to their family this August! **Lindsey and Kacie** are going to be wonderful big sisters and **Doug and Diana** adore their growing pack of grandchildren. The count will soon be Boys 4, Girls 2.

Enjoy these last days of spring and I’ll talk to you next month!

children's Ministries

by Jesiah Bozich

Hello All!

Well that was a fun month, wasn't it? We certainly had a lot of fun in our Children's programming! Between Easter celebrations, joy filled Sunday morning and PEAK gatherings, and an exciting Game Night, April was simply a jam-packed

month of excitement. We've been truly blessed by all that the LORD is doing in our specific ministry and in the wider church community. I have noted a renewed sense of excitement and passion felt throughout our church body lately. I believe this to be from the Lord.

figuration to learn about Jesus' true glory, exploring the Parable of the Good Samaritan to see how Jesus is calling us to love our enemies, and then ending the Spring



PEAK "semester" with a party where we will celebrate all that we've learned about Christ this year! Even if your children have been unable to join us for PEAK this semester, we invite you to come join us for these last few sessions! Our PEAK groups are easy to jump into and always full of fun!

In addition to our regular programming, we also have a Park Day coming up on May 14 at 2:00 PM. Please send me an email at: Jesiah@lcpc.net for more details. I look forward to the opportunity to hang out with the families in our church community, celebrating our common salvation in the Lord through games, snacks, and conversation.

As we enter into the month of May, I pray that the Lord would bless us all with the ability to stop and appreciate His numerous blessings. There is certainly pain in this world. There is difficulty, disappointment, and all manner of evil in our world. Yet, God has also gifted us with blessings, signs of His grace and favor: Our God is a good Father. He knows how to take care of His children. May we all press into our Father's deep and abounding love this month.

As always, I thank God for what He has done and eagerly await what He will do next!

Grace and Peace,
Jesiah



Children's Ministries held a very fun and creative LEGO Night on March 31!

As always, we go from one fun month right into another fun month here at LCPC Children's Ministries. Most of that fun will be in our usual programming. With the rest of the church, we are jumping into Genesis for our Sunday morning groups. We will be learning about the way the Lord designed the world to be and the world that the Lord is renewing our broken existence into. We will be jumping deep into familiar stories, asking deep questions and seeking how God is asking to bring His kingdom in the everyday life of school, family, and other activities.

Meanwhile, our PEAK groups will be continuing to learn about the Life of Jesus! We will be delving into the Trans-

SESSION REPORT

At the March 28 Stated Meeting of Session, the following items were discussed and/or approved:

- Approved committee assignments for Elders (see the weekly bulletin for a list of Elders and committee Moderators)
- Approved baptisms for Reagan Ruby Hutchins (granddaughter of John Tkach) and Emory Bauer (daughter of Brandon and Christy Bauer).
- Approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to "pay back" various funds including Memorials, Capital Improvements, and Van Funds with reimbursements from PPP loans and Employee Retention Credits from the Federal government.
- Approved a short-term fundraising campaign for Ukrainian relief. Funds will be sent to World Vision which already has "boots on the ground" in Ukraine.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on April 3, the following items were discussed and/or approved:

- Received the Annual Report
- Elected members of the 2022 Nominating Committee. We still are in need of two at-large members to fill out this committee (individuals not currently serving on Session or Deacons). If you are a member of LCPC and would like to serve on the Nominating committee, please contact either Pastor Andy or me.
- Reviewed the Operating Budget for 2021 and received the Budget for 2022.
- Approved amendments to the bylaws
- Received reports for Ministry leaders and staff.
- Received the 2021 Necrology report.

If you have any questions or concerns about what's happening at LCPC, please feel free to contact any of the Session members listed in the bulletin or you can contact me as well.

In Christ,
Sheri Gray
Clerk of Session

BISTRO 50+

Tuesday,
May 10
12 Noon in
Koopmans

Everyone 50+ years old is welcome to come and enjoy a nice meal and fellowship for just \$5.00. Join us!



CFC Heartbeat



Director's Corner

How can it be May already? May is our last full month in the classes as we have known them and the last full month of the elementary school year. The time of making summer plans. It's a time of nice weather and growing spirits.

We will be spending more time outside enjoying all that God has provided. Some people see our time outside of the classroom as a break from learning, but outdoors is one of the best science classrooms you could find! In early childhood, science learning objectives center largely on life science, earth and space science, and physical science. Nature's curriculum for teaching these topics is embedded in every moment spent playing outside. Whether it's observing an ant make its way across the sidewalk, noticing the signs that go along with the changing seasons, or realizing the moon can sometimes be spotted during the daytime, children are constantly building their scientific knowledge base through their experiences outside.

With physical science concepts – like un-

derstanding properties of water and light or how objects move – outside is ideal! Big ideas, big questions, and big movements are guaranteed while playing outside. In outdoor play, children naturally balance, climb, jump, swing, toss, and race. Those activities not only help children explore physics concepts but also help them build their own large motor skills.

Perhaps most valuable, our time outside also provides restorative mental health benefits. Many studies have shown the benefits to mood, focus, and overall health provided by time outside in nature. Particularly in the context of a classroom, studies show that time spent playing outside helps increase focus, attention, and on-task behavior. Researchers explain that the ability to focus is not an infinite resource. As it is used, it becomes depleted. Interestingly, time in nature appears to restore that ability more efficiently than does rest alone.

It's fascinating that nature not only provides the subject matter but also primes our minds for learning. That's why outside is an ideal place to play! Hope you find time to be outside as a family this May,

Pat

Family BBQ

Come join us as we celebrate the ending of the school year with a family BBQ on Tuesday, May 10 in the courtyard. We will have burgers and turkey and veggie dogs along with all the fixings! Enjoy a display of artwork and don't forget the yummy ice cream. The cost is only \$10 per family. This is always a great night of fun!

Parent Meeting

We will be having an important parent meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 PM. All families are asked to have at least one parent at the meeting. You will meet with Pat for about 20 minutes. Then at 6:50 PM you will move to your child's next classroom or attend our day camp meeting. Even if you have been with us for a while we ask that you attend this important meeting. This is a parents only night; sorry no child care. We should have you out by 7:30 PM.

Summer Day Camp

We are excited about our summer day camp. Candice has been planning a great summer for us. We will have weekly schedules and a few surprises along the way. Come to the parent meeting to get all the details and sign up for the first week of camp! Remember that you can pick and choose the weeks you come but there is a 3- day minimum attendance on weeks they attend. Summer's the Way they were meant to be, full of fun, learning, relaxing and building friendships

To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters
and other women
in our lives that care for
us and love us
unconditionally,
Happy Mother's Day!

We want to wish all of the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. We hear so many times from the many children in our program how they love their mothers and the people that nurture them.

When we ask them questions about who takes care of them, loves them, has fun with them, moms are right at the top of the list. It isn't an easy job, but the rewards can be sweet. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's life.

Calendar

- May 30: Closed for Memorial Day
- June 13: Last day for GUSD*
- June 13: CFC Closed for Staff Development*
- June 14: Summer Program begins; New classrooms!

*Please note that on June 13 that we are closed all day. Do plan ahead. This is the last day of GUSD and there will be no van service on this day. We will see you on June 14 for the beginning of summer.

Some Reminders

- Please exit by the side gate when going out. This helps traffic move one direction.
- The new rates for the year beginning on June 14 are published on our Website. Please check there for summer and fall rates.
- Check your Curracubby account before the new rates take effect and get your account current.
- Please let us know if your child does not need pick up from school. As the year winds down, there may be special after school events.
- School age children need to get to the van directly after dismissal; no time for buying after school treats.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

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BOTH SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

Jesus said, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). What does this cosmic "Fixer Upper" look like? How does the resurrection change the world? Jesus doesn't just make our lives better, He makes our

lives brand new. We'll discover how this new world answers the three questions we all ask: Who am I? Where do I belong? What difference can my life make? Join us as we put our lives under new management.

MAY 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY

One service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM
followed by an all-church meal

Message by Lee Cook

"Fixer Upper: The Original Design by Lee Cook"

For Personal Study: Genesis 1

MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY

Message by Lee Cook

"Fixer Upper: Who Do You Think You Are?"

For Personal Study: Genesis 1

MAY 15

Message by Lee Cook

"Fixer Upper: Men, Women, and Relationships"

For Personal Study: Genesis 2

MAY 22

Message by Lee Cook

"Fixer Upper: Good, Evil, and A High Fiber Diet"

For Personal Study: Genesis 3

MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Message by Lee Cook

"Fixer Upper: Enter Suffering"

For Personal Study: Genesis 3