

# MESSENGER

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## MINISTRY UPDATE FROM MARIE & DANIEL ADAMS

### “HERE I AM”

150,000 college students flooded into campuses across Boston this fall! Meeting and following up with these incoming students has been a highlight for InterVarsity students and staff.

One freshman who met InterVarsity at a

tabling event walked into the first week of a Bible study at Boston University. She introduced herself sharing, “Hi, I’m not Christian, but here I am - I have some questions and wanted to ask!” Pray for her, and freshmen across Boston as they begin exploring Jesus during their time in college.

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### OVERFLOWING

Pray for students to say yes to invitations to fall conference next weekend (September 29-October 1). They will explore the abundance of God in the highs and lows of life.

We are preparing for 200 students to register in hopes of filling the conference space. Would you consider providing a \$150 scholarship for one student to attend? Give to the Greater Boston scholarship account at [give.intervarsity.org](http://give.intervarsity.org)!

### FAMILY LIFE

- Caleb (13mo) is scooting across furniture, up and down the stairs. He moves to where the people are!  
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September marked the launch of tabling, events, and in-person Bible studies!

# PASTOR'S LETTER

*"Give and it will be given to you — a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back!"* (Jesus, Luke 6:38, NRSV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LCPC,

We're entering the very important season of Stewardship and Thanksgiving! Jesus tells us plainly in Luke 6:38 that how we choose to use the resources God entrusts to us will have a direct impact upon our quality of life. This is why during this season we are invited to prayerfully reflect on ALL the gifts God has given so we can discern how we should "spend" these gifts as we move into the future.

Related to the monetary resources God entrusts to us, the Bible calls us to "tithe" (Deuteronomy 26:1-14; Matthew 23:23). This means we're called to give God our first one-tenth (our first and best!) of ALL monetary resources God entrusts to us. This means we're asked to take an honest look at our salary, investment and retirement income and commit to giving our "full tithe," not our leftovers, if we hope to experience God's riches.

Each of us has also been given special abilities (spiritual gifts and natural abilities) that God has created us to use for the expansion of God's Kingdom. Recently your Session Elders met and decided that the following ministry areas are most critical

at this time for LCPC:

- **Children's Ministries** (Center for Children is part of this)
- **Student Ministries**
- **Adult Discipleship Ministries** (Creation Care and Biblical Reconciliation are part of this)
- **Worship & Music Ministries**
- **Missions** (Acts of service in Jesus' name near and far)
- **Local Outreach** (Relational bridge-building with those outside LCPC)
- **Fellowship**
- **Communications**
- **Property**
- **Finance**



Related to how God has uniquely made us, we are each invited to prayerfully consider which of these ministry teams we are called to serve on. For us and LCPC to prosper in 2023, we each need to serve on at least one ministry team! On the other hand, some of you may be called to let go of a ministry team or two to make room for all to serve according to our gifts.

You're invited to spend the next weeks prayerfully discerning God's invitations concerning God's calling in your life at this time and then putting

what you're hearing on your "Faith Promise Card." We're calling these "Faith Promise Cards" because we're ALL making an intentional promise to God based on our faith that God will provide what's needed for us to fulfill our promises in 2023.

Our season of Stewardship and Thanksgiving will culminate on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20. This will be a very special Sunday, when we'll all gather in worship to present our "Faith Promises" to God as our "spiritual act of worship" (Romans 12:1).

I look forward to sharing this very important and hopeful season with you!  
Pastor Mike



Dear LCPC Family and Friends,

My heart is full when I think of you and our fellowship all during the year, but I especially love it when we worship and share a meal together. One of my all-time favorite times is when Deacons prepare the Thanksgiving meal in November. Working together to plan the menu, prepare the food, and then share it with all of you is a true joy. My happy place is in the kitchen, cooking for my family and friends, helping to make this meal fit right into one of my favorite areas of service.

Sometimes when I am worried or cannot sleep, I try to pray for others and thank God for their presence in my life and for how He brings us together to love each other in His name. This activity takes me out of myself and into communion with my Savior. It reminds me of how much I need Him and that I am not in charge, thankfully!

I recently rode along one Saturday with Carol

Van Citters who has been faithfully delivering boxes of food to folks in Sunland and Tujunga through "Making It Happen." This wonderful group of people from Heart of the Canyons Church in Lake View Terrace serve the homeless and needy people in our area.

If you have time on a Saturday, your help would be so much appreciated. There are many ways you can assist, and if interested, please reach out to Judy Trumbo who is on our Missions Committee or go to <http://www.makingithappen.org> to see where you can help.

Remember, we are all the hands and feet of Jesus.

May you be blessed and be a blessing, this Thanksgiving.

In Christ,  
Kerry Milbrodt

## BISTRO 50+

Tuesday,  
November 8  
12 Noon in  
Koopmans

Join us for a delicious lunch, followed by a Cruiser program about how to protect yourself from fraud. Only \$5! Bring a friend.

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# SESSION REPORT

At the September 26, 2022 Stated Session meeting, the following items were discussed and/or approved:

- Approved reinstating YAM (Young Adult Ministries) as soon as the new Director of Student Ministries is hired (possibly December).
- Discussed the upcoming New Members class.
- Discussed the Active Membership roll and strategies to contact those members who we have not seen in some time.

Session held a mini-retreat on October 9 (pictured) to discuss and identify critical ministry areas to focus on. LCPC members are encouraged to choose one of these areas to participate in as part of their stewardship time and gifts.

The ministry areas Session identified as critical are Children's Ministries, Student Ministries, Adult Discipleship Ministries (Creation Care & Biblical Reconciliation are part of this), Worship & Music Ministries,



Missions (Acts of service in Jesus' name near and far), Local Outreach (Relational bridge-building with those outside LCPC), Fellowship Team, Communications Team, Property, and Finance.

Your participation in one of these areas does not mean you would necessarily need to be on the "committee"; but might entail helping with an event, task, activity, etc. Please contact Pastor Mike, me, or any Elder serving on Session for more information.

Blessings,  
Sheri Gray  
Clerk of Session

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY

We are so grateful to have completed another work day with Habitat for Humanity in October! Our team worked with friends from La Canada Presbyterian and Pasadena Church to continue work on a duplex that should be completed in a few months. Thank you to all of our participants for all of your hard work!



November is the perfect month to focus on **gratitude!** The **Thanksgiving** holiday allows us to reflect and give thanks for all God has given to us, but why not practice gratitude the whole month? I bet we could all find at least three things every day that we are grateful for.



it'll be out through Christmas Day. We hope you'll choose an ornament off the tree in the Narthex and purchase the item for a child or family in need, to bless them this holiday season.

Be looking for details on the **Hanging of the Greens** event later this month! It's a festive opportunity for our church family to come together to serve,

by decorating the Sanctuary, Narthex, Chapel and front entrance for Christmas. There may even be some carols sung when it's finished, so plan to join us!

And speaking of carols, save the date of Friday, December 16, at 7:30 PM for our annual **Christmas Concert**. **Gary Woodward**, the **Cathedral Choir**, and a host of professional musicians have a fantastic evening of Christmas choral and classical music planned to celebrate this sacred season. This is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and family, so start spreading the word now!

Might as well keep going with the Christmas theme here (all the stores and radio stations are doing it too, right?) and get December 8 on your calendar for the **CFC Christmas Craft Night**. Everyone is invited to this free event! Along with some adorable Christmas crafts, **Santa** will be there to take pictures with your family! Don't forget to bring your list so he can check it twice.

The **Deacons** are looking for eager students to apply for their **Higher Education Scholarships**. Thanks to the LCPC family's outpouring of support for this scholarship fund at our spring benefit, the Deacons have awarded \$1,000 scholarships to seven students. There are still remaining funds available to support other applicants. Applications are open to LCPC members and their families, as

- well as students nominated
- by our youth pastor Email
- **Hilarynorton@me.com**
- for more information. A brief
- application including letter
- of recommendation needs to
- be submitted by December 1.
- Thank you to everyone
- who participated in the **All**
- **Church Service Day** last

month. We know Saturdays are busy for everyone, but we appreciate all the helping hands that came to pull weeds, polish pews, and clean out planters and storage areas. Every bit of TLC makes a difference to our church campus!

Have you seen our gorgeous new **Welcome Center** and matching **Children's Ministries check-in desk** in the Narthex? These custom built pieces of mahogany furniture are the craftsmanship of **Jack Heydorff** and the **Architectural Woodworking Company** in Monterey Park. Jack is a friend of Art Fernandez, and he generously offered to build and donate these to LCPC. We are so very grateful for these gifts and how they will bless our congregation for years to come.

I'm sure you've seen **Leland Elmes** and **Adam Hill** serving up **PEAK** dinners every Wednesday night for the past two years, and now this dynamic duo is setting up the **Party in the Breezeway** every Sunday morning. They are the most hardworking, responsible, good-natured guys you will meet this side of the Verdugos. Be sure to thank them and tell them how much you appreciate all they do behind the scenes! They are true gems.

Have you noticed the annoying breed of mosquitoes that is wreaking havoc on people's skin this year? **CFC** had **vector control** come out to inspect the property to see if there were any mosquitoes breeding on the campus and they found nothing - Let's keep it that way! Mosquitoes are in the neighborhood so please dump any standing water you might see around the campus. (Editor's Note: Any LA County resident can go online and request a FREE vector control inspection. Here's the link to submit your request: <https://www.glamosquito.org/mosquitoes>).

If you follow LCPC on **Facebook** or **Instagram**, can you do us a huge favor, and "like" our posts or make a brief comment? You can "like" our online services on YouTube also! It only takes a minute, and the more you're able to support our social media sites, the more it helps spread our posts, to reach a wider audience.

SO thankful for every one of you, and all you do for our church family! Now go tell someone you're grateful for them! **Happy Thanksgiving!** Talk to you next month.

One response to gratitude, is to give back! Our yearly **Stewardship Campaign** started last month and will run through Sunday, November 20. Be thinking and praying about how you can use your gifts of time, talent and treasure to further the work LCPC is doing in our community and the world. Each one of us is a unique part of the body of Christ and every gift is valuable.

To celebrate "Thanksgiving Sunday," the **Deacons** are treating us to their **Harvest Brunch** on November 20, right after the service at 11:30 AM. They plan to serve up all the classics from years past: egg strata, sausage (including a vegan option), fresh fruit and everyone's favorite pumpkin dump cake. We hope you'll join us for great food and time together at this pre-Thanksgiving feast.

Also on Sunday, November 20, Jesiah is hosting a new event for kids called "**The Big Drop!**" from 3:00 -5:00 PM in the Courtyard. It will be a smashingly fun event where they drop stuff from way up high and watch it go **KERSPLAT**, while also learning what it means to "Drop Everything and Follow Jesus!" Children's Ministries will also be using this event to raise money for food and shelter for people experiencing homelessness this holiday season.

The **first Sunday of Advent** is coming up November 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We'll be starting the **World Vision Giving Tree** and



*Melissa joined us during our week of summer vacation at Family Camp!*

## DANIEL AND MARIE

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- Jonathan (turns 3 on October 7) has a lot to say! While walking in the parking lot with Marie, "I'll hold my own hands so you don't have to hold my hand."
- Daniel preached three sermons this summer on what the Bible says about disease!
- Marie enjoyed outdoor adventures over the summer, including a 16-mile "mini" presidential traverse carrying Caleb and an Olympic distance triathlon.

Thank you for your prayers and support allowing for students across Boston to encounter Jesus!

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**SUBJECT TO CHANGE—MODERATORS WILL DECIDE IF COMMITTEES WILL MEET**

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# children's Ministries

by Jesiah Bozich

Hello dear friends at LCPC!

It's November now, meaning that the holiday season is upon us. For some of you, the passing of October 31 means that you're already busting out the Christmas songs and lights, whereas others of you may be holding off on that until Thanksgiving has passed. As much as the holiday season is a very busy time of year for us all, I can't help but look forward to it with excitement. The way that the calendar comes alive, prompting my everyday life to be transformed by gratitude (Thanksgiving), expectant waiting (Advent), and the joy of Christ (Christmas) is something I deeply treasure. I look forward to spending this holiday season with you all.

Before we do jump into our excitement for the holiday season, I want to call back in appreciation of all that happened this October. As a conclusion to our Hygiene Product Drive, we hosted a small, but mighty, team of families for a Hygiene Kit Packing Party. This provided us a great opportunity to really bless our community. Thanks again to all of you who donated. We also ended the month with our wildly fun Pumpkin Decorating Party. Families from the church, VBS, and CFC all joined us for a great time

of painting, carving, playing, and snacking! We even got the chance to dig into the narrative of Jesus reviving Lazarus from the dead. An adequately festive account that helps us all wonder at Jesus.

The fun keeps on going this November. We have some of our last few PEAK meetings for the year coming up, which are sure to be a big party.



Meanwhile our Sunday morning groups will be finishing up their lessons on David. Learning about King David has been a great way to see wonderful truths about our true king, Jesus. Our final weeks with David, however, will help us see that

David was not perfect. In fact, as great of a hero David was, David could not be God's true hero. This will help us transition into Advent, as we remember the expectant hope for the Messiah and place ourselves in a posture of hope as we await His triumphant return.



We have something really special coming up at the end of November called "The Big Drop!" This event, on Sunday, November 20, from 3:00-5:00 PM, will feature various items, such as eggs, pumpkins, and more, dropped from way up high. We will also have games, treats, and more as we learn what it means to "drop everything and follow Jesus!" We will also be using this event to raise money for people experiencing homelessness. We hope that your families will join us for this exciting event! .

Friends, let us pray that these closing months of 2022 will be a time of great transformation among the children of our community. May the LORD move in a powerful way in and around us all. May He show us the light of His glory, hope, and truth.

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

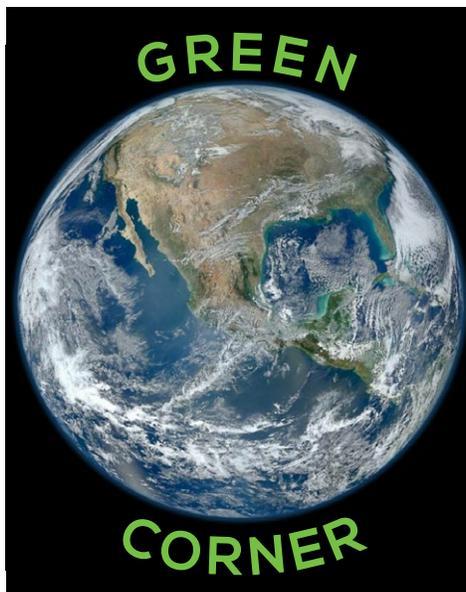
Grace and Peace,  
Jesiah

*"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

Isaiah 43:18-19

We hate it when a big home appliance, like a gas furnace, suddenly dies on us don't we? The tendency is to quickly replace it with a new gas-powered one

But what if you could put in a system that did both heating AND cooling at a substantially reduced monthly cost? What if it was 3x as efficient in terms of energy use? You would be installing a heat pump HVAC system. When you power your house with electricity instead of gas, it's safer. There are no open flames, gas leaks, or carbon monoxide. And as Glendale, L.A., and Edison switch increas-



ingly to renewable energy sources, you help reduce greenhouse gas emissions overall; that's good for the Creation.

Not only that, the State of California offers rebates for installing high efficiency electric appliances. And with the new Inflation Reduction Act funding coming down, even more rebates and tax credits will be made available.

So the next time you need to replace your space heater, air conditioner, water heater—even your gas range or clothes dryer—consider the monthly maintenance and utility costs, available rebates, AND the positive effect on your home's air quality—as well as the planet's—and go electric. We've done all of these in our home, and would be happy to share what we have learned.

Judy Trumbo



## Director's Corner

The Center for Children has been in operation for 55 years this fall. It was created at the same time that the education wing of the campus was being built. The program started with five classrooms of half-day preschool. We now use 12 classrooms and are open from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, year round. I am so proud of our program and the way it has changed over the years to meet the needs of the community.

### Why is La Crescenta Presbyterian Church in the “business” of childcare?

Because from the beginning we did not see this as a business, but as a ministry. Teaching children the language of faith, the love of the Father and seeing it in action is a wonderful ministry and worthy of support. We thank LCPC for its continued sponsorship as we labor to do God’s work with and in these children.

### So who does the Center for Children serve?

We have families that included single parents, parents that share custody, parents that are married, same sex parents, grandparents raising children, foster parents, stepparents and siblings raising siblings. We have children from families that attend this church and we have children from families that attend other churches, temples, mosques, home Bible studies and those that do not have a church home or a faith.

We have children who have special needs and children who need special attention. We have children with dietary restrictions and children with other health issues. We have children that are noisy and dirty and wild and we have children that are quiet and clean and shy. We have children that

Spatial awareness has many parts. It relates both to how well we know our own bodies and their position in the area around us, as well as how we see and manipulate other objects and their position in space. Concepts like under, over, through, flipping, rotating, thinking outside the box, planning, trial and error; these are all enmeshed in the concepts of space. For our children, that looks like building with blocks, putting together puzzles, compiling objects into abstract collages, or creating structures and forts. It’s also built through large body movements, like running, climbing, and dancing. Anytime children physically move objects or themselves, they build this capacity for spatial reasoning.

As adults, spatial reasoning often applies more

need to be held and children that need to be let free. We have children that need a place where they feel loved outside their family and that they can know that the Father loves them unconditionally. What we have at the Center for Children are God’s children, each one of equal value, each one worthy of His love and our quality care.

In a month where we stop to think about what we are grateful for and how we have been blessed, the Center for Children comes to my mind quickly. I have done just about everything one can do at the CFC except having been a student here. It continues to be a pleasure to be the director of this amazing program and staff.

Pat

## Halloween Parade

We are going to have a costume parade on the Monday of Halloween at 4:00 PM. We will get the children dressed after nap, so bring a simple costume for them to wear, maybe leaving accessories at home for the evening. Speaking of which, the Montrose Shopping Park is a wonderful place to take young trick or treaters during the daylight hours.

## Looking Ahead

Christmas craft night will be Thursday, December 8. A really fun night for the entire family. We will be closed December 23 and 26 for Christmas and January 2 for the New Year holiday. GUSD winter break is from December 23 – January 6. We will have a winter day camp during those days.

## Why We Play: Spatial Awareness

abstractly to how people picture two and three-dimensional objects and are able to mentally manipulate, slide, and rotate them in relation to other objects. Not only does it help you play a killer game of Tetris, but also aids in planning, designing, and creating across many different disciplines including architecture, engineering, health, and art, just to name a few. Because this skill includes being able to literally see new possibilities, this capacity is closely linked to other logical reasoning skills as well as a person’s ability to think critically

## GUSD and CFC Closures

November 10 is a “no student day” for GUSD. We will be open for all school age children on that day. Please have your children in grades 1-6 bring a lunch. GUSD elementary schools will be closed from November 21-25 for Thanksgiving. CFC will be here full day for your children Monday – Wednesday of that week. CFC and GUSD will be closed for Veterans’ Day on Friday, November 11, and closed Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after, November 24 – 25.



## Thanksgiving Feast

During the week of our Thanksgiving Feast you can smell Thanksgiving in the air. Each classroom prepares one part of our feast and then on Thursday, November 17, we come together in Koopmans Hall for dinner as one big CFC family. The hall will be decorated with your child’s artwork and we will be thankful together. We will be asking you to bring in the item assigned to your classroom, like a can of pumpkin pie mix or rolls, etc. Look for information in your child’s room and we look forward to seeing you then.

and problem-solve. This is why many businesses and companies will use spatial reasoning skill assessments with prospective employees, even if the job doesn’t deal directly with using space.

In order to reach this abstract level, children first need to experience moving their own bodies and actually holding and manipulating objects. Moving puzzle pieces into position, rotating blocks to place them in the best spot on their structure, creating abstract designs, and moving their own bodies through the space around them; children need to experience all of this and more to build a strong sense of spatial awareness.

This is why we play.

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL  
NEW SONG WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
BOTH SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

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## NOVEMBER 6 COMMUNION SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

Message by Rev. Dr. Juan J. Sarmiento  
Executive Presbyter  
Presbytery of San Fernando  
"Shared Differences"

*Scripture for Reflection: 1 Kings 17:17-24; 1 Peter 4:10-11*

## NOVEMBER 13

Message by Pastor Mike  
"Why is Tithing So Important?"

*Scripture for Reflection: Luke 6:38; Matthew 23:23*

## NOVEMBER 20

Message by Pastor Mike  
"Bringing our Offerings of Praise"  
*Scripture for Reflection: Deuteronomy 26:1-14*

## NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Message by Pastor Mike  
"Lessons from Zechariah's Life"  
*Scripture for Reflection: Luke 1:5-24, 57-79*

