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KICKOFF SUNDAY

In case you missed the Ministry Fair on Kickoff Sunday last month, you missed out! Here are a few photos, with more scattered throughout this issue.



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LEE'S LATEST

³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (Hebrews 1:3)

Who is Jesus? Why do we worship Him? What did His mission accomplish? How does this fit in with the Old Testament? Most of us spend a significant amount of our lives on autopilot. We have responsibilities, obligations, and distractions that occupy most of our time, and the most important questions go unanswered. I'm not writing this to make you feel bad – just trying to be honest about my life.

The writer of Hebrews wants to shake us from our slumber. He wants us to know that God wants us to know Him. He has spoken to us and revealed Himself to us in Jesus. When we see Jesus, we see

the Father. When we look at the world around us, we look at a world created and sustained by Jesus' love and goodness. When we struggle with temptation, worry, and hopelessness, Jesus is our Great High Priest, working on our behalf.

When we really focus on Jesus, we discover He is more beautiful, powerful, and wonderful than we ever imagined. When we set our gaze upon Him, we have the power to hold on when the winds and waves of life overwhelm us.

I hope you'll join us as we study Hebrews every Wednesday night during PEAK. Bring your Bibles and an open heart.



ALL CHURCH DAY OF SERVICE

OCTOBER 23



After September's Fall Kickoff, you might be looking for more ways to engage at LCPC. The All Church Day of Service is coming up so mark your calendars for 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on October 23 to help spiff up our LCPC Campus. Help on this day will be appreciated from all who join and we are sure you'll be glad you did. You will have a chance to visit with many others as we do miscellaneous projects, such as helping the Cornerstone Crew with landscape maintenance and other needed jobs around the campus.

This is also a great opportunity for youth as well as adults of all ages to engage in intergenerational fellowship while serving with our time and talents. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, with masks as appropriate. Meet us in the LCPC parking lot for some music, socializing (with distance) and serving our Lord! Water will be provided but bring your gloves. Contact Judy Trumbo at jktrumbo@gmail.com with questions. Bring the whole family!



We've been here before...

Cleaning the student center...rolling out the ping pong table...setting up all of the sound equipment – the drums, the guitars, the microphones...making sure the projector still works, the Bibles are organized, the foosball table is still spinning.

In what is now the 8th new school year of ministry at LCPC, none has held the tension of both expectation and unknown quite like this year.

On the one hand, there

is the sureness of our God, the sureness of His Word, the sureness of His Gospel which never fails and always remains, the sureness of the grandness of His love for students, the sureness of our depravity and the sureness of the breadth of His tender mercy. There is the confidence that comes from doing something eight years in a row and seeing how God has been faithful with every group of students, providing far more opportunities to love them than I could ever meet in my own strength.

And then on the other hand, the one we've all grappled with which has caused us to rethink the way we do all things: COVID. And while COVID is certainly smaller than our great God, it has been no small thing. It's impacted the way I do ministry on every level, even down to things like rewriting our volunteer training to suggest fist-bumps or

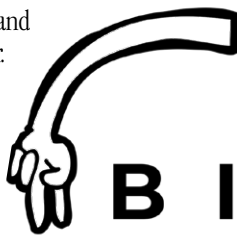
waves instead of high-fives when greeting students. And we've seen in the first few weeks of Abide gatherings in September that we will have some rebuilding to do; that, for the students who didn't attend our local outdoor gatherings in the park throughout COVID, it will take time to readjust to the rhythms of regularly coming together and meeting consistently. It's a new mindset, uncharted territory.

And yet, as we plug in guitars and organize Bibles on the self, I feel a certain comfort in the balance of this tension. It's a sense of peace – of shalom – that this is how God prefers I (and we) operate, outside of the realm self-assuredness and deeply rooted in holy dependence on Him. I have

confidence in who He has always been to me, to students, to Abide, to LCPC. And man oh man, do I need Him to continue being that!

So I ask you to pray with expectancy. Pray for our students, that they may know Jesus as Savior. Pray for our small group leaders, that they may provide space for students to connect with truth and grace weekly. Pray for our committee as we seek to be strategic in how we bring the Gospel to teenagers. And please (I beg you!) pray for Austin and me, as we seek to follow God's leading in our own lives and in the lives of these students whom He loves so deeply.

Josh Jewell-Horton



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9:00 AM SHARP!

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Kerry Milbrodt and Michelle Fernandez staffing the CFC Committee table at the Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair. ----->



Dear Friends,

As I was meditating on what to write for this month's Deacons' Beacon, the phrase "waiting upon the Lord" came to mind. We feel hard-wired to want everything to come right when we want it, but we really know that is not always, or usually, good for us. We try to teach our children about the benefits of delayed gratification but rarely apply it to ourselves. I find it helps me to remember how beloved people in Bible history were placed in situations where they had to wait for God's action in their life.

Abraham and Sarah had to wait until late in life to have their son, Isaac. Joseph comes to mind as he waited to be remembered by Pharaoh while waiting in prison for a crime he did not commit, and David had to wait until God took Saul out of the picture for himself to become king of the Hebrews, even though he had been anointed by Samuel as a young man. All these people made a huge difference in their world and could only do so by waiting on God's timeline. They had to learn to trust in God and His plan for them, especially when there was no clear path ahead.

The story of Abraham and Sarah is especially meaningful for me because my husband and I had to wait through trials and tears to finally have our second daughter. Her name is Sarah as thanks and gratefulness to God's timing in our lives.

Think about what you are desperately wanting or think you need. Sometimes it seems like that day will never come. Our Lord knows what we need and when. There is a real peace in knowing that His perfect will and time will be made known. Thank Him for walking alongside you as you wait and trust in His goodness.

I hope you all are blessed by knowing that you are not alone in your journey. Jesus is always with us and don't forget your Deacons are here for you too. We stand ready to help you in the waiting, with open hearts, hands, and minds focused on Him.

In Christ,
Kerry Milbrodt



SESSION REPORT

Did you know Session is the governing body of the church and sets policies, procedures, etc. within the guidelines of the PC(USA) constitution, The Book of Order? The LCPC Session is made up of 18 Elders elected annually by the congregation, a Moderator (the Senior Pastor of the Church), and the Clerk of Session, an Elder who may or may not be actively serving a term on Session (in my case I am not currently serving a term). Each Elder has been assigned a committee or committees to serve on.

These committees cover all aspects of church life and are led by committee Moderators. The names and email addresses of all Elders currently serving on Session, as well as committee moderators are listed each week in the bulletin. Please feel free to contact any of these Elders, committee Moderators, or me with any questions or concerns you have about LCPC.

At the August 23 Stated meeting of Session, the following items were approved and/or discussed:

- Approved the Mission Study prepared and presented by the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The report was sent on to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval.
- Approved the baptism of Lindsey Given, daughter of Wyatt and Jamie Given scheduled for September 19, 2021.
- Approved teacher salary increases for Center of Children staff.
- Approved hiring and compensation package for Jesiah Bozich to serve as

Director of Children's Ministries.

- Approved Strategic Planning's adoption of two Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) as part of the Vision 2022: Bigger and Bolder! strategic plan:
 - ◆ Inspire and equip the congregation to grow in their discipleship.
 - ◆ Equip and challenge the congregation to make new disciples for Jesus.
- Approved architecture fees, design and budget for the Chapel Renovation. Musical instruments and stained glass refurbishment were not included in the budget at this time but will be forthcoming.
- Discussed and approved Adult classes for PEAK (Young Marrieds Small Group, Parenting Small Group, Biblical Reconciliation discussion group, and study on Letter to the Hebrews.

At a called meeting of Session on September 13, 2021, it was approved to conduct a special giving campaign to be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Pacific Northwest Wildfires fire victims and Hurricane Ida relief) and Food for the Hungry for relief efforts in Haiti. Session also approved a media campaign to advertise/promote/encourage donations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ,
Sheri Gray
Clerk of Session



Now that Fall is officially here, let's hope the cooler Fall weather is on its way! Our **Fall Kick-Off** events were sure fun! We had a great turnout for the BBQ dinner and everyone enjoyed the delicious chicken dinner and wide variety of yummy side dishes provided by each committee. Most people couldn't even fit them all on one plate! **Jesiah's Bingo game** was a hit and got people moving around to all the tables to get signatures for the grand prize!

Kick-Off Sunday was another fantastic day, with a beautiful communion service featuring both our **Cathedral Choir** and **The Blessed** praise band. Afterwards at our Ministry Fair, **Austin Granier's** amazing iced coffee drinks were perfect for the hot weather and you can thank **John** and **Virginia Schroeder** for the scrumptious pastry selection from **Gio's Bakery** in Montrose. People enjoyed visiting the different ministry booths and we're grateful for the many people who signed up to help in the coming year.



We hope you've had a chance to meet our new Director of Children's Ministries, **Jesiah Bozich** and his wife **Jen Ning**, but if you haven't, join them for "**Meet Jesiah at the Park**" coming up on Saturday, October 9, at 2:00 PM. All parents and kids are invited to meet at Two Strike Park to welcome Jesiah to the LCPC family!

Jesiah is also offering a **Children's Ministry Training** for all volunteers on Sunday, October 17, at 11:30 AM, right after church down in Koopmans. Please plan to attend if you volunteer in Sunday

School or PEAK classes.

Speaking of **PEAK**, hallelujah it's finally back in all its glory! PEAK dinners start at 5:45 PM with **John Arangio's** wonderful homemade meals for just \$3. There is nursery care for the wee ones, and classes for all ages groups 2-100! We're excited to be offering four classes for adults this semester:

Lee Cook is leading a Bible study on the Letter to the Hebrews. **Pastor Andy** has a discussion group on how the Church can address the deep racial divisions that exist in our culture, and how the power of the Gospel can heal that divide.

Kerry Milbrodt and **Shirley Carlson** are continuing their small group for parents with kids of all ages, and there is a **new small group for young marrieds**, using Tim and Kathy Keller's curriculum "The Meaning of Marriage." There's a class for everyone, so come join us!

Abide is back in full swing too! Abide Jr: High meets Wednesdays during PEAK, from 6:30-8 PM and Abide High School meets Thursday nights



Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair

7:00-9:00 PM. Masks are required, as both groups meet down in the Student Center. Study focus this semester is the Beatitudes. **Josh** and **Austin** have also started **Tasty Tuesdays**

again, outdoors in the front of the church. All Jr: High and High Schoolers are invited to join them every Tuesday after school until 6:00 PM. Austin is serving his famous coffee drinks and youth can do homework or just hang out together in the fresh air.

Lift Up Crescenta Valley will be hosting their annual 24-Hour Prayer Event from Thursday, October 7, at 6:00 AM to Friday, October 8, at 6:00 AM. It will be held in the Christian Life Church Sanctuary, on the corner of Montrose Avenue and Ramsdell. To sign up, contact **Al Nunez** at:

liftuplacrescenta@gmail.com.

Starting this month, the **Cruisers** are changing their meeting time to follow the **Bistro 50+** lunch on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Lunch is served at 12 noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 PM, starting this month on October 12.

Jesiah has a festive October event planned for all ages on Thursday, October 28, at 6:30 PM in Koopmans: **Pumpkin Decorating Night!** Families and friends can carve, paint or creatively dress up a pumpkin any way they choose! Will be fun to see what y'all come up with!

Do you have any **Halloween costumes** your children have outgrown? If so, **CFC** would love to add them to their dress up clothes collection. You can drop them off to the CFC office — nothing scary, please!

The Center for Children is looking for part time workers, and has openings for working with all ages of kids. If you're interested in finding

out more, call CFC at (818) 249-8124. It's a fun place to work - just ask **Tim Milbrodt!**

Thank you to **Ann Scoggins**, one of our wonderful **Deacons**, for organizing the **Red Cross Blood Drive** last month, and for all the selfless donors that parted with a pint of their precious blood. You truly did give the gift of life.

We're also grateful to all the generous donors who contributed to our

Disaster Relief Giving Campaign. Your donations were distributed to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund, with money designated for Pacific Northwest wildfire victims, those affected by Hurricane Ida in the south, and also to Food for the Hungry, in support of relief efforts in Haiti.

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for candidates to serve as Deacons and Elders beginning in January 2022 for a 3-year term. If you are an active member, interested in becoming a church leader, contact **Betsy Heckmann** at: heckmann4@gmail.com.

Thank you to our **Pastoral Nominating Committee** (PNC) for keeping us updated on the search process, through their series of informational meetings. We appreciate the phenomenal job they're doing, seeking input from our church members and prayerfully conducting the process of finding our new senior pastor.

Jean Vernon celebrated a special birthday last week — 98 years of being a blessing in this world. Wishing her a fantastic year! Talk to you next month!

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE—MODERATORS WILL DECIDE IF COMMITTEES WILL MEET

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BRS Biblical Reconciliation Steering Committee
CFC Center For Children
CM Children's Ministries Committee
M&O Mission & Outreach Committee
PNC Pastoral Nominating Committee
SM Student Ministries Committee
W&M Worship & Music Committee

10:00 A Worship—Sanctuary



children's Ministries

by Jesiah Bozich

By now, I am sure you are aware that the "Director of Children's Ministries" title has been handed off to me. If this is news to you, then...hello! My name is Jesiah and I am the new Director of Children's Ministries at LCPC!

As I write this, I am presently in the midst of my second week working as the Director, and there are already so many exciting things going on to share about! We have begun two new programs with the children, one for PEAK on Wednesdays and the other for Sunday mornings, and we are now in the midst of planning our October event!

This semester of PEAK will be all about the life of Jesus. This means really slowing down and taking the Gospel accounts event by event,



focusing on what each narrative tells us about who Jesus is. I am so excited to discuss the truth of the Gospel and to see the way that Christ will enter the lives of these young ones.

Meanwhile, Sunday School and FISH will be enjoying a program called "Foundations of Faith." This fall, it's all going to be about who God is. We will be digging

into some familiar and some not so familiar Bible stories with the goal of learning more about God's character and heart for His people. To begin, we talked about Moses and the burning bush to focus on the simple, but important, fact that God is real!

Make sure to mark your calendars for October 28, when we will be having our Pumpkin

Decorating Night! This will be an all ages' event, where families can come and have a great time carving, painting, and dressing up pumpkins (and maybe even some other gourds!) This party will be a chance for the community to come together and just have a time of laughter and creativity. I hope to see you there!

I can genuinely say that these first few weeks in the position have already been a blast. Between an energized Fall Kick-Off, complete with an inflatable obstacle course (big hit with the kids), the excitement of PEAK resuming, and all of the big things on the horizon, I am filled with great anticipation for the months to come.

I am so grateful to the staff, volunteers, and wider community of LCPC for the warm welcome that Jen Ning and I have received here at the church. We are so excited to become a part of this church family and to press into serving Children's Ministries for the glory of Christ!

Grace and peace,
Jesiah

KICKOFF



SUNDAY!

BISTRO 50+
IS BACK!

Tuesday,
October 12
12 Noon in
Koopmans

Everyone 50+ years old is welcome to come and enjoy a nice meal and fellowship for just \$5.00. Following the meal the Cruisers will meet at 1:00. Cruisers is a fellowship group for adults approximately 65+ years old, but they would warmly welcome all to stay and find out more about their group.



Director's Corner

Children develop best in an environment of order and consistency. They are happier when they know what to expect. To a young child, a predictable world is a safe world. We all know the world has been pretty unpredictable lately. This is a good time to look at our family and classroom routines and see if we can make them more predictable for children.

By setting up regular, reliable times and procedures for daily events, parents and teachers provide a dependable environment. Routines also help avoid the power struggles that so often occur between adults and children.

You'll find life with your child goes more smoothly if you set up and consistently carry out regular routines such as bedtime, wake-up time,

mealtimes, chore times, play times and homework times. It might help to have a list of the sequence of daily events posted where your child can refer to it as necessary (for example, bedtime — put on pajamas, brush teeth, read story). Use simple drawing or photos on the schedule to facilitate young children's understanding (kids love to help with making such a poster).

Of course, some changes in schedules and routines are unavoidable. And while children prefer routine, they are resilient enough when a familiar routine has to be disturbed.

There are two basic points to remember: Be consistent. Children are the most content when the same things happen at pretty much the same time

every day; and explain deviations from the routine. If you have to change your plans, let your child know ahead of time, if possible, and explain the situation and the change you are making.

Pat

Music & Dance Are Back!

Max is returning to visit each preschool classroom on Friday mornings for a short music class. Our dance program is back on Mondays for preschool and school age children. The dance class will be meeting in a shaded outside area. Dance class is paid for directly to the dance program. Check with the office if you need more information.

Halloween at the CFC

We love to celebrate lots of things here at the CFC but we take a quiet approach to Halloween. We enjoy bats, cats, pumpkins, and even the skeletons that God gave us but we don't talk about witches, ghosts, or monsters. We will be having costumes our on the yard all week for the children to have fun with and to get them ready to see people in costumes on the 31st. Have a very safe and fun Halloween this year. It's a good time to incorporate masks into your child's costume.

Current Quarantine Guidelines

If your child has had a direct exposure to a positive case of COVID, they need to quarantine for 10 full days and get a test (PCR) between the 7-10 days of quarantine to return to the classroom. Tuition is still charged.

If your child is exposed to a secondary exposure, for example a sibling's class is quarantined from school or day care or someone on your sports team was exposed, your child does not need to quarantine unless the person they have had direct contact with becomes a positive case.

If a classroom here has a direct exposure to a positive case, the entire classroom will be quarantined for 10 days. If this happens in a preschool or younger class, Zoom enrichment classes will be offered by the teachers twice a day during regular school days. Tuition is still due.

If your child is a school age child and his/her class is quarantined, then they may not come to CFC. Tuition is still due.

We have had a few cases here and in the community where people, including doctors, thought something was a cold and it resulted in a positive case but exposure happened before the diagnosis. Therefore, we are returning to a 72-hour at home policy for fevers, new coughs, new colds, etc. Please call the office to let us know what is going on and so that we can advise you if a test is required to come back.

Elementary Schools Closed November 1

All GUSD elementary schools will be closed November 1, but the Center for Children will be open full day for those in our after school program.

Children may attend at no additional cost if Monday is a regular day for them. If you need to add Monday the cost is \$80. All children in 1st - 6th grade will need to bring a lunch that day.

Planning Ahead

We had planned to be closed on October 15 for a staff development day but that has been changed.

November 11: Closed for Veterans Day.

November 12: Closed for first Aid Training. (Instead of October 15)



Masks

Your children need to bring a clean mask every day. Our supply of extra masks is running low. If you want to purchase a box of disposable masks for your child, we can put your child's name on the box and put it in the classroom for emergency use (if you forget one, the mask gets dirty, etc). You can also donate a box to the office, especially if we have provided masks to your child in the past, for us to be able to use in these situations. Amazon has many disposable children's masks available as do some drug stores.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

As we continue our study of 1 John, we'll be drawn into the depths of God's love and sent out to love and serve the way Jesus did. But don't think it will be easy. John helps us deal with adversity, while never giving

in to cynicism or bitterness. We hope you'll join us every week and bring a friend.

OCTOBER 3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Message by Lee Cook
"True Love: How do we handle adversity?"
For personal study: 1 John 2:18-27

OCTOBER 10
Message by Lee Cook
"True Love: Why do I still struggle with sin?"
For personal study: 1 John 2:28-3:10

OCTOBER 17
Message by Lee Cook
"True Love: What do I do with my anger and disappointment?"
For personal study: 1 John 3:11-24

OCTOBER 24

Message by Lee Cook
"True Love: How can I know right from wrong?"
For personal study: 1 John 4:1-6

OCTOBER 31 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Message by Lee Cook
"True Love: What is real love?"
For personal study: 1 John 4:7-21

