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Fathers of: Ray and Lisa Ludwig, Jon Vikander, Pam Auer

Mothers of: Ray and Lisa Ludwig, Kimberly Tirado

Daughters of: Ernie and Del Kniesel

Sons of: Sherry Cook, Greg and Valerie Ellis, Betty Shuck, Bob and Mare Stasik, Barb Stephens

Brothers of: Sheryl Richardson, Kimberly Tirado, Terry Schulz, Jon Magnuson

Sisters of: Terry Schulz

Other relatives: Nichole Lombard, Josh and Jessica Orvis, Mary Specht, (LGrundke), Paul (SRichardson), Jonie Brooks (TBrooks), David Wright (CHelgason), Paul (SRichardson), Colleen (NShurtleff)

Friends: Terese Mcgowen (VDraskovich), Jack and Kristi Culbreth (CGaw), Jim Olson (CLeiter), Jan Wayne and Chris Harvey (SRichardson), Pence Family (AHG), Johanna

Black (CSorenson), Fay Bredesen (CHelgason), Neeme Napp (ASapszian) Ray and Ingrid Schuller

Comfort to: Family and friends of Mavis Wegner

Prayers for: our country and its leadership; peace in the Middle East, persecuted Christians and military family+friends deployed: Grant (CPeterson).

We will keep names on the prayer list for 30 days. If you would like to remain on the prayer list please let us know by calling the church office at 949-837-4673.

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What's

Growing in

Garden?

Our Family In Christ A Christian community for all generations

August 2018

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Dear friends in Christ,

May you "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18

Back on the farm, at this time of year, we would be harvesting all kinds of garden crops. Along with the gardening comes

weeding. Lots and lots of weeds grew very guickly and easily in our garden. As soon as we were done weeding the garden, we had to do all over again. But it was all worth it. Just like our Christian lives, we have to continue to weed the gardens of our life. In the Bible the weeds are the things that choke out the good plants. Here's a clever little poem that comes in various renderings you can find on the internet. Perhaps it is good for us to read this one again and again...

PLANT three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip
- Squash criticism
- Squash indifference

PLANT three rows of peas:

- Purity
- Patience
- Perseverance

PLANT six rows of lettuce:

- Let us be unselfish and loyal
- Let us be faithful to duty
- Let us search the Scriptures
- Let us not be weary in well-doing
- Let us be obedient in all things
- Let us Love one another

NO GARDEN is complete without turnips:

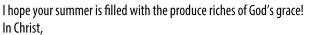
- Turn up for church and Bible study
- Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult
- Turn up with determination to do your best for God's cause

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden. Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme:

- Thyme for God
- Thyme for study
- Thyme for prayer



Pastor Leland <><



Youth and Children's Ministry Update: Bekah Bay is Our **New Director!**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Bekah Bay has recently been promoted to Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. Bekah has been leading our Children's Ministry for many years, and will now guide ministry programs for our middle school youth and high school youth, as well. Bekah has a degree in Children, Youth and Family Ministry from the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle and many years of experience. Bekah states, "I'm so excited and love ALL of our youth!" Her enthusiasm, energy and warmth are evident as she takes on her expanded role. Please continue to encourage Bekah with your support and by volunteering in our Youth and Children's Ministries!

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is for God, through the Holy Spirit, to shape us into a vibrant church that transforms our community and the world with the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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New: Care Responders Ministry

(Based on Galatians 6:2 & Titus 3:14)

From time to time in our church, brothers & sisters in Christ experience intense life difficulties such as the death of an immediate family member, surgery, serious illness, or even the birth of a new baby — many without the

help of any family or local support. When such experiences occur, physical needs, like eating, can easily be neglected making the situation worse.

As the Body of Christ, we are called to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." In order to better do this when these crises situations occur, we are in the initial process of establishing a 'body' of volunteers who, on an as-needed basis, will help address immediate "physical" needs by providing meals, transportation or other help (specific to the situation) in a prompt and caring manner.

Would you consider becoming a Care Responder? Would you be willing to join this hands-on ministry of helping people in and through difficult circumstances, with the Love of Christ? To be a part of this life-giving ministry, or for more information, please contact Gordon Peldo at: (949) 837-9944 or gpeldo@sbcglobal.net. Let us not forget: We are blessed to be a blessing!



News From Our Father's Table (OFT)

140 have now been lifted from homelessness thanks to the support of the OFT team and LCC! All glory goes to God.

Your prayers and support are a blessing to us and our brothers and sisters still experiencing homelessness. As we look forward to the coming months, LCC is working on several participation projects including knitting hats & scarves, Christmas Stocking project, Thanksgiving & Christmas in the park with our brothers and sisters. All are encouraged and welcome to participate. Please contact karenm@ourfatherstableus.org

May God bless your summer!



Compassion Corner by Scott Dawson

The Harvest Club

On June 9th, there were 20 people total from both campuses who participated in harvesting over a half ton of oranges in Santa Ana. The fruits and vegetables that are harvested through this agency are distributed to local food pantries and missions in Orange County including the Village of Hope. This agency locates home owner fruit trees or orchards and over abundant gardens, that are not being harvested, and offers to harvest them for the homeowner. The Harvest club invites volunteers, ages 10 and up, to join them in this "Fruitful" endeavor. If you'd like to receive information regarding upcoming harvest opportunities, please contact Tish Forteath at: tishforteath@gmail.com. May these harvest opportunities remind us of The Great Harvest of souls that the Lord is calling us to!

Senior Food Ministries

The Senior Food Ministries at LCC continue to meet the needs of many struggling seniors in the area. The Food Box ministry handed out 78 food boxes in June and 75 boxes in July and the Senior Grocery program is now serving 149 seniors and rising. Community Action Partnership in Garden Grove provides the monthly food boxes and Second Harvest Food Bank OC the bi-weekly groceries. The next Food Box distribution to those who's monthly income is \$1316 or less, will be **Tuesday**, **August 14th, from 2:00-4:00pm**. The August Grocery distributions will be on **Fridays**, **August 10th & 24th from 9:30-11:00 am**. If you would like to serve in one of these life-giving ministries, please contact Bill Perry at: bill@pertel.com, Ted Holmquist at: tedwholmquist@cs.com or Scott Dawson at: spdawson60@gmail.com. Let us give praise to the Lord for providing the true Bread of Life!

Village of Hope (OC Rescue Mission)

The next opportunities to prep/serve lunch at the village will be **Saturday, August 11th from 9:00am-1:00pm**. If you're interested in serving, please contact Christa Page at: christa0205@yahoo.com. This Christian ministry is bringing hope and restoration to individuals and families in Jesus' name. Come a be a part of helping & encouraging people to walk in newness of life!

Monthly Mission Offering

\$844 was given in June to "Custom Canines." This non-profit agency trains and provides service dogs to people who are need of such assistance but do not have the means. Thanks for giving to this much needed blessing of support.

\$2,582 was given in July to "Bethesda Homes" in support of the many physically and intellectually challenged residents who are with us each Tuesday at the Laguna Woods campus enjoying wonderful fellowship and food, Bible lessons, singing and crafts. Thanks for your continued support of these special children of God and for the many who serve them each week in this ministry.

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German Dinner and Presentation

Join Pastor Leland and Marcia as they share about their Germany trip, "On the Trail with Martin Luther".

August 25 - 6 PM

Laguna Woods Social Hall Freewill Offering Bratwurst* Chicken* Sauerkraut *Potato Salad *Apple Crisp

P.R.A.Y. Camps Coming to AV August 6-10

Give your child the gift of a great camp experience before the end of summer! Kids4Jesus Ministries is offering two camps: "God & Me" for 1st-3rd grades and "God & Family" for 4th-6th grades. Both are August 6-10, 9am-12noon at the AV campus. Cost is \$35 per child for program materials (includes patch). May upgrade to pin (\$38) or medal (\$40). This meets requirements for AHG, Trail USA, and Boy & Girl Scouts. To register, email Miss Bekah at bekah@lcotc.org. P.R.A.Y (Programs of Religious Activities with Youth) is a non-profit organization aimed at fostering the Christian growth of children, youth, and families through churches and youth-serving agencies. For more information go to www.praypub.org.



Crafters Wanted!

Calling all crafters and vendors to participate in our annual Holiday Boutique, November 10 (9am-5pm) & November 11 (9am-2pm). We are looking for a wide variety of holiday gifts, unique crafts & handcrafted items. The cost to participate is \$75 for early sign up and \$100 for sign ups after September 28. Contact Sally Warren at Lollylee1@cox.net or Valerie Ellis at luckyindian@gmail.com.



Fun - Food - Games - Fellowship

Bring you family and come to our church picnic at our Aliso Viejo campus.

Sunday, August 19th at Noon

- Hotdogs and lemonade provided
- Bring a side dish to share
- Bring chairs and blanket



Men's Monthly Breakfast Faith, Food, Fellowship Saturday, August 25 7:30–9am

Laguna Woods Social Hall Hosted by Men of Integrity

4th Saturday of the month

Blessing of the Animals

On June 30 we had a special Blessing of the Animals and gave thanks to God for His wondrous creation of animals and the joy and help they bring to our lives. Many of you brought your pets (or photos of your pets). As part of this event, we took up a free-will offering for Custom Canine Service Dog Academy to help with the training of service dogs.













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Financial Report by Kevin Murphy, Operations Director

As of Jun. 30, 2018	Jun	Jun	YTD	YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Offering Income	\$93,241	\$87,000	\$1,067,785	\$1,242,000	
Other Income	\$8,018	\$9,905	\$208,722	\$120,963	
Total Income	\$101,259	\$96,905	\$1,276,507	\$1,362,963	
Expenses:					
Administration (1)	\$73,860	\$96,342	\$1,037,411	\$1,169,989	
Outside Ministries (2)	\$5,229	\$9,432	\$72,771	\$88,200	
Internal Ministries (3)	\$3,334	\$1,900	\$30,707	\$37,800	
Other Expenses (4)	\$3,399	\$4,000	\$36,475	\$46,250	
Total Expenses	\$85,822	\$111,674	\$1,177,364	\$1,342,239	
Net Ordinary Income	\$15,437	-\$14,769	\$99,143	\$20,724	
Depreciation Expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	

- 1. Includes: administration costs, all salaries, property and facilities.
- 2. Includes: outreach missions, compassion ministries.
- 3. Includes: youth and children's ministries.
- 4. Includes: fellowship, local mission work/evangelism, worship, stewardship.

Council Meeting Minder

June 24th Annual Congregational highlights:

- 2018-2019 proposed budgets were approved by congregation
- Five council members were elected: Jon Auer, Ginger Carney, Joe Moreno, Kell Morris, Dan Olson.

New theme verse for church year: "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

July 26th Council Meeting highlights:

- Newly Elected Council Officers:
 - Nancy Venable, President
 - Bill Perry, Vice President
 - Scott Berg, Treasurer
 - Cindy Grace, Secretary
 - Dan Olson, Member-at-Large
- Presentation of the LCOTC Communications Team/Processes
- Personnel update: Hire of New AVCS Assistant Principal; Retirement of two LCC Preschool Teachers
- Proposed that each council member prayerfully consider leading a church project
- Copies of "The Welcoming Church" by Thom Rainer distributed among council members and staff.



Join Us for Beach BBQ & Worship

Come as you are! Everyone welcome! Worship at the beach at Salt Creek Beach. Our remaining beach worship days are August 26 and September 23. Please bring a dish to share for our Potluck Dinner at 5pm (hotdogs and lemonade provided). Worship at 6pm. Beach baptisms will be celebrated on September 23 at 4pm.





Blessings from Aliso Viejo Christian School!

Students will return to school on August 21st. If you are interested in volunteering and being a part of our school ministry, please call the school office at (949)389-0300 and ask for Kalyn Peterson. You can also email Kalyn at kpeterson@avchristianschool.org. We would love to have help in our library or elementary classrooms. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of Aliso Viejo Christian School.

Preschool Corner by Tonya Theveny, Director



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

The preschoolers had a lot of fun during our four weeks of "Camp Creation" summer school learning about creation through science & art activities, daily chapel, literacy, and circle time activities, as well as participation in fun games & songs! At chapel time we were even visited by Pete the Parrot & Bible Bird! We are so blessed to be able to share God's love and the Good News with our students (& families) as they grow and learn.



I thank my God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6



A special thank you goes out to Miss Debbie Healy & Miss Nancy Blike who retired from the preschool after many years of faithful service. *Well done, good and faithful servant! Matthew 25:23*

God bless you and keep you in His care!



Miss Debbie (19 yrs.)



1iss Nancy (14 yrs.)

Please call us at 581-8115 if you have any questions or wish to enroll...tell a friend (brochures are in the kiosks in the LW & AV sanctuary's front entryways, the church offices, and the LW nursery.) We are now offering extended hours, 7:45am-5:45pm, in addition to our half-day program. Thank you for your prayers & support for this ministry.









Youth4Jesus Ministries by Bekah Bay, Director

- ◆ NEW! Youth rooms at AV and LW are now called "The Cove"
- → Join our Middle School for an Angels vs Rays game 8/14 at 4pm
- ♦ High School Bible study, "I Can Only Imagine" The Cove at AV

Youth Ministry at Lutheran Church of the Cross seeks to help students become firmly rooted, build up, established, and overflowing with thankfulness toward Jesus (Ephesians 4:4-16).



Save the Date for Winter Camp

- Middle School January 25-27
- High School February 15-18

Kids4Jesus Ministries by Bekah Bay, Director

REGISTER TODAY FOR PRESCHOOL SHIPWRECKED ISLAND VBS

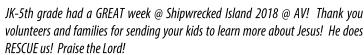
3-DAY - LW Campus

Ages: PRESCHOOL (*3, 4 & 5 year olds)

*Must be 3 by Sept. 1st, 2018 and potty trained

August 1-3 (Wed-Fri), 9AM-Noon \$30/child

RESCUED BY JESUS! Isaiah 43:1-2 (NLT)



See you NEXT summer 2019 @ ROAR VBS — Life is Wild — God is GOOD!!!

Do Not weep! See the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has Triumphed! Revelations 5:5

2019 Dates: Completed JK-5th Grades - July 22·26 and Preschool August 5-7



8/1: Summer Kids Nite (Preschool-5th Grades) **6:15-7:30pm** Location: AV Room 8 and LW KidZone

8/1-3: Shipwrecked Preschool VBS 9am-Noon (LW)

8/6-10: PRAY Camp (1st-6th Grades) **9am-Noon** (AV) \$35 per camper (includes workbook and badge)

8/8: Summer Kids Nite (Preschool-5th Grades) 6:15-7:30pm

Location: AV Room 8 and LW KidZone

8/27: AHG Troop Kick-off for 2018-2019 **6:45PM** (LW Sanctuary)

LCC GIRLS Troops CA2517 & Trail Life USA for Boys Troop CA2517 (still need male leaders to recharter) - Christian Scouting for Your Child American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA for Boys LCC Troop CA2517 — K-12th grades - TWICE-A -MONTH troop meetings & MONTHLY outings. Please contact Miss Bekah (bekah@lcotc.org) to register today!!! New troop year registration begins: September 10th at 6:45pm in LW Sanctuary.

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