

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

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Fathers of:

Mothers of:

Daughters of: Ginger Anderson

Sons of: Sandy White

Brothers of:

Sisters of:

Other relatives: Chantal Knudson (C&L Knudson), Sheri Lombard (LGrundke, Grace Clippinger (JGilbert)

Friends: Jason and Wendy Winterfeld (LPerkins), Dale Swenson (CSorenson), Kay Vogel (LGrundke), Stephen Smith (SBerg), Family of Richard Gabaldon (JCarter)

Comfort to: Wendy Offield on the passing of her mother, JoAnna Baker; Ted and Lei Holmquist and their family on the passing of Lei's mother, Dora Kaikainahaole; Allison Broderick on the passing of her mother, Diane Clayton.

Prayers for: Our country and its leadership

We will keep names on the prayer list for a couple of months. 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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Dear friends in Christ,

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Do these words sound familiar? We say them before we give the message at worship. In this day of mass communication, we not only need to think about the words of our mouths, but the words we communicate in other ways through e-mail, text messages, voice mail, twitter, yelp, etc.

We also need to practice the "Matthew 18 Principle" of going to the person we have an issue with first before talking to others. We need to remember how our children hear the words that come out of our mouths and how impressionable

Let's think about all the ways we can use our words. We can use our words to be cute and clever. We can use our words to appear impressive. We can use our words to argue. We can use our words to defend ourselves. We can use our words to lie and distort. We can use our words to do many things, but God wants us to use our words to bless.

So when we speak, if our words do not bless and benefit those to whom we direct them, then we are to simply not say anything. When we were growing up, we might have said that little rhyme that goes..."Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me." In reality, our bones can heal, but our memories often can't let go of hurtful words. Maybe that rhyme wasn't as profound as Grandma's wise words, "If you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all."

Paul hit it on the head when he said, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen". Ephesians 4:29

Within the body of Christ, we need to work on being careful with our words. It would be good for us to be reminded of how important our words can be. Let us think about using our words to build up and encourage others. Let us use our words to glorify Christ.

In the world around us, let us use our words to tell others about how Christ is working in our lives. Let us use our words to invite others to know Jesus and to grow in our love for Him and for others. Let us use our words to pray for others in need. As we do all these things, we will be glorifying God.

In Christ, Pastor Leland



Ash Wednesday Worship Service ~ March 6

Wednesday, March 6 ~ 7:30am ~ AV Wednesday, March 6 \sim **10:30am** and **7pm** \sim LW

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays, March 13— April 10 **11am** (followed by a soup lunch at 11:30am) ~ LW **6:30pm** (Bible Studies at 7pm) ~ LW



Audition for The Sound of Music Community Musical!

All children ages 5-up and adults are welcome to audition. Auditions are held at our Laguna Woods campus on March 23 & 30 from 9am -12pm and March 24 from 2pm-5pm.

*Call backs are on March 31st from 2pm-5pm

Questions? Contact Marcia Lantz at Imlantz1162@sbcglobal.net

*Come prepared with a 2-3 minute song (Acapella or CD accompaniment) *You will be asked to read from a script

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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Preschool Corner by Tonya Theveny, Director

"Love is patient; love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13:4

March is a special month because we celebrate Grandparents Day with our annual Teddy Bear Picnic. March 21-22, the children and their grandparents will spend the day together in class. We are so blessed to have congregation members volunteer to be "substitute grandparents" for those children whose grandparents aren't able to attend.







Multi-cultural Fun!



2019-2020 Fall Registration

Open enrollment is underway. Please pick up a preschool brochure at the LW or AV campus and pass it along to a friend or neighbor with preschool-age children. It's truly a blessing to share Jesus' love and the Gospel with our preschool families — all for His glory!

*Before & after school extended care options and full day are offered.

*Expanded Summer Program will be offered for current students & new students enrolled for the fall. Inquire in the Preschool Office for more information (949-581-8115).

Compassion Ministries by Scott Dawson

Mission Offering - \$717 was given toward building an orphanage in the northern Uganda Refugee Camp where Missionary Denise Carlson is serving. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's leading and guiding of this ministry and for the many children being served.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities to help people in need:

Care Responders - Care Responders is seeking to have an ever-growing team of helpers to meet physical needs of members (transportation, meals, errands, light household tasks & repairs) on an "as-needed basis." For more information or to join the team, please contact the church office at (949) 837-4673 or Gordon Peldo at: (949)837-9944 or gpeldo@sbcglobal.net.

Senior Grocery Program - We are heading into our second year of this twice-a-month food program to seniors on Friday mornings. Besides receiving food, people from varied backgrounds are being prayed for, Bibles in various languages are being handed out and requested, devotionals are being taken and read, and all involved are being blessed! There are three opportunities to serve this month: **March 1, 15 and 29 from 8:45am-11:15am.** Come to our Laguna Woods campus and be a part of this life giving-ministry by contacting Bill Perry at bill@pertel.com or Ted Holmquist at tedwholmquist@cs.com.

Senior Food Box - We are heading into our second year of this food box ministry that provides non-perishable food to qualifying seniors in need. The distribution of these boxes takes place on the **second Tuesday of each month** from **2:00-4:00 pm** at the LW campus. **The next distribution will be Tuesday, March 12.** To find out more or if you'd like to serve, please contact Scott Dawson at: (949) 338-4966 or spdawson60@gmail.com.

Village of Hope (OC Rescue Mission) - Come help prepare and serve lunch to men, women and children who are seeking to transition from the streets and back into society. Lives are being transformed through this intentional Christian ministry. The next opportunity to serve is **Saturday, March 9, from 9:00am-1:00pm.** If you're interested in helping out, contact Scott Dawson at: (949) 338-4966 or spdawson60@gmail.com.



As we are called to serve, let us consider the words of the Apostle Paul:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4





Lutheran Church of the Cross Ministries

March Events

GRIEF SHARE LOSS OF A SPOUSE

New "Loss of a Spouse" Seminar ~ Tuesday, March 5 ~ 1pm, LW Library

Grieving the recent death of a spouse? Find encouragement at this 2-hour seminar; includes participant guide (\$5 suggested donation). For more information, contact Kerri Harris at kerri@lcotc.org.



Church Work Day

Saturday, March 9 8am-12 noon Laguna Woods

Come help with a few chores to keep our church looking great!



Saturday, March 16, 5-9pm at LW campus. Drop the kiddos off and attend church, dinner and the variety show, or carry on with your own plans! Cost: \$20/child; \$40/family maximum. Meet in Room B. Please RSVP to Miss Bekah at Bekah@lcotc.org by 3-15.

Lenten Series: "A Lent to Remember" Wednesdays, 11am & 6:30pm at Laguna Woods

Wednesday, March 13: "Remember Wondrous Works" Psalm 111:4 Wednesday, March 20: "Remember Jesus' Words" Luke 22:61-62 Wednesday, March 27: "Remember the Covenant" Psalm 105:8 Wednesday, April 3: "Remember Sins No More" Jeremiah 31:34 Wednesday, April 10: "Remember Steadfast Love" Psalm 98:3



Join the LCOTC Family!

This month we will hold a New Member Class on **Sunday, March 17, 2pm** at LW campus. If you have any questions about church membership, contact Pastor Leland (leland@lcotc.org).

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you



Worship, Dinner & Variety Show

We Need Your Talent!
Saturday, March 16 ~ LW Campus

5pm Worship 6pm Dinner (\$5) 7pm Variety Show

Presented by LCC Talent (jokes, skits, songs, stories, etc.)

Sign up to <u>attend and/or perform in</u> the show. Contact Paul Kratzer at 949-346-2648 if you would like to perform in the variety show.



FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE GRIEF SHARE

New GriefShare Class Starts March 12

GriefShare is a 13-week program designed for people grieving the death of a family member or loved one. Our new session begins **Tuesday, March 12, 2pm** (after Senior Day Out) in the LW Library. Each class is $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. GriefShare meets weekly to provide support and help the grieving individual to move toward rebuilding their life. Each session has three distinct elements: video seminar with experts, group discussion, and personal study and reflection. Contact Barbara Givens at pm_139@yahoo.com for more information.



Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday

Lutheran Church of the Cross Ministries

Financial Report by Kevin Murphy, Operations Director

As of January 31, 2018	January	January	YTD	YTD
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Offering Income	\$68,124	\$82,150	\$578,978	\$628,050
Other Income	\$7,908	\$7,545	\$304,880	\$54,815
Total Income	\$76,032	\$89,695	\$883,858	\$682,865
Expenses:				
Administration (1)	\$86,177	\$92,132	\$609,160	\$631,713
Outside Ministries (2)	\$6,869	\$6,650	\$49,515	\$48,450
Internal Ministries (3)	\$6,965	\$1,350	\$27,519	\$15,450
Other Expenses (4)	\$5,015	\$3,400	\$19,775	\$25,700
Total Expenses	\$105,026	\$103,532	\$705,969	\$721,313
Net Ordinary Income	-\$28,994	-\$13,837	\$177,889	-\$38,448
Depreciation Expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$14,000	\$14,000

- 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.

Missionary Spotlight by Geri Robinson, Missions Committee



Many of us have met Daniel who has visited LCC a number of times; most recently within the last year. Daniel married Sharon about 18 months ago and both are invested in this ministry.

Radio is the primary source of news for the typical Ugandan and this is the vehicle by which the gospel goes out. The radio audience is a young one as the average age in Uganda is 15.5 and the life expectancy is only 53. This is due to the impact of HIV/AIDS and many orphaned children.

Faith Radio is heard in 16 districts of Eastern Uganda and portions of Kenya and covers over 10-12 million people. The Okabes work to promote and build listenership by organizing youth conferences, partnering with other radio stations in other parts of the country, as well as direct work with homeless children and the orphanage that is part of Faith Radio's parent organization, Impact Ministries. Their prayer requests are to expand the reach of Faith Radio, safety of the Faith Radio staff, and funding for staff salaries, rent & equipment repairs and replacement. Please join in their work with your faithful and fervent prayers.



Summer VBS Registration Begins!

R.O.A.R- Life is Wild — God is GOOD!!

COMPLETED JK-5th Grades — **July 22-26, 9AM-Noon** AV campus - \$50/camper

Preschool *3, 4 & 5 year olds (*3yrs by June 1st and diaper free) **July 29-31, 9AM-Noon**

LW campus - \$30/camper

Please contact Miss Bekah to sign-up and for more information: bekah@lcotc.org

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14



News from Our Father's Table (OFT)

Our Father's Table is turning 5! Yes OFT is having its 5th birthday and we couldn't have done it without you! The Lord keeps blessing us and our brothers and sisters who are living on the streets of our neighborhood. We have lifted over 170 homeless off the streets and we are so blessed to celebrate their restoration with you! Thank you for your prayers and continued support!

OFT's founder, Gina Seriel, was honored to be part of Loyola Marymount University's Living on the Edge Homeless Symposium last month. She was a guest speaker on "How Do We Give Back Our Homeless Brothers and Sisters Their Dignity?" panel. We were honored she and OFT were recognized for the honorable work we are doing with the forgotten in our streets.

Kids4Jesus Ministries by Bekah Bay, Director

SUNDAYS: 9AM KidZbay at LW (Preschool-5th Grades)

9:45AM KidZbay at AV (Preschool-5th Grades) **SATURDAYS: 5PM** KidZbay at LW (Preschool-5th Grades)

WEDNESDAY Kids NITES at Laguna Woods

- **4:30PM** Kids4Jesus Choir Practice (Adult Choir Room)
- **4:30PM** Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- **5:30PM** Dinner
- 6:15PM Adult Biblestudies
- **6:15PM** Kids Nite (Preschool-5th Grades)

*childcare for infants-2yr. olds is available at Sunday School, Wednesday Nites, Saturday Nites or Special Events. Please register with Miss Bekah at bekah@lcotc.org.



LCC Girls Troops CA2517 & Trail Life USA for Boys Troop CA2517 Christian Scouting for Your Child

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA for Boys Troop CA2517 (K-12th grades) TWICE-A-MONTH troop meetings & MONTHLY Fun Troop Nites & outings. Please contact Bekah Bay (bekah@lcotc.org) for more information or to register today! AHG will be the LCC featured ministry focus in March!



GO BANANAS FOR THE LORD!!

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last- and so that whatever you ask in My Name the Father will give you! John 15:16

MARCH EVENTS

3/4: AHG Troop CA2517 Fun Nite - LW Social Hall 6:45PM

3/6: NO Kids Nite - ASH Wednesday Service Only

3/11: AHG Troop CA2517 Troop Meeting/Badge work - LW Sanctuary 6:45PM

2/13: Kids Nite at Laguna Woods

3/16: DATE NITE at Laguna Woods (Room B) **5-9PM** \$20/child \$40/max per family Parents drop-off your kids for Bible Story, Craft, Games, Snacks & Movie Please register by 3/15 to bekah@lcotc.org

3/20: Kids Nite at Laguna Woods

3/25: AHG Troop CA2517 Troop Meeting/Badge work - LW Sanctuary 6:45PM

3/27: Kids Nite at Laguna Woods



Kids Nite at Laguna Woods



Youth4Jesus Ministries by Bekah Bay, Director



MS Youth Forest Home Winter Camp

YOUTH

Youth Ministry at Lutheran Church of the Cross seeks to help students become firmly rooted, built up, established, and overflowing with thankfulness toward Jesus.

Ephesians 4:4-16

Middle School

- ♦ Sundays ~ 9am SS ~ The Cove LW
- ★ Wednesdays at LW ~ 5:30pm Dinner
 - ~ 6:15pm Youth Group

High School

- → Sundays ~ 9am SS ~ The Cove LW
- **→** Sundays ~ 6pm ~ (venues vary)

Contact Bekah at bekah@lcotc.org for details



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