

# IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

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Fathers of: Jon Vikander

Mothers of: Rachel Jenkins, Paul Kratzer, Lisa Ludwig

**Daughters of:** Kathy Purdy

Sons of: Al and Connie Bosse, Doris Roberts, Barb Herson

**Brothers of:** Matt Meyer, Eileen Sepulveda

Sisters of:

Other relatives: Thomas Taylor (LKing), Boden Bakkie (MGraham), David and Jennifer Horvath (CHorvath), Jazlyn Rivera (B&LLeos), Rosemary, Jon Mark, Ashley and Cyndee (JVikander), Jessica (LTravieso)Sherry Lynn (LAnderson), Justin (TMidgley), Earl Loveless (LGranlund)

Friends: Marco Chavez and family (JPhan), Ralph and Margie Mulhern (LKing), Gus Cordes (LKing), Stanley Abraham (RKing), CJ Sobrosky (JCarter), Sam Parsons, Brittany Alexander, Johanna Black, Lindsey Sealy, Tom Lawrence (KHarris)

Comfort to: Anita Immaraju and her family with the passing of her father; Ella Doka and family on the passing of her husband, Mike; Family of Angie Myerchin on her passing; Beverley Smith on the passing of her brother Stan; Michael Gerendas and Charlotte Galambos on the passing of their son; Pam Auer on the passing of her father.

**Prayers for:** Our country and its leadership

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

Jesus Saved:

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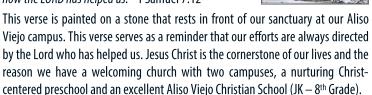


# A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

# "HIS" story in the making!

Blessings in Christ everyone!

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12



Back in 1965 a group of 88 people from the new retirement community of



Leisure World, chartered Lutheran Church of the Cross. In 1967 they broke ground and built the present-day sanctuary building. The Laguna Woods campus grew and built several other buildings and additions. I

wish these people could see today what they started!

Years later the church had a vision to reach the people of the new community of Aliso Viejo: In the summer 1998, we broke ground to build a church and school in Aliso Viejo. In September 1999, we held our first worship service at our new Aliso Viejo campus and we opened the door to 112 students. Today, 20 years later, we have over 350 students enrolled for upcoming school year.

In Christ, Pastor Leland <>< Please mark your calendars for September 8th and join us for a special **celebration!** This is our opportunity to pause and give thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ for His church and "HIS" story in the making! On this day we hope everyone will attend worship at AV at 10:30am (special time-see complete listing of service times for September 8th below). Students and families from Aliso Viejo Christian School and our LCC Preschool will join us in worship when Pastor Bill Bartlett, who was our senior pastor at the time of the opening of the AV campus, will present the message. The celebratory service will have music teams from both campuses; a dedication of the AV campus; and recognition of staff, teachers, students and former students.

Following the service, we will provide a picnic extravaganza. There will also be ultimate frisbee, volleyball, and all sorts of fun games, activities and competitions for all ages, classroom tours, and a special sharing of AVCS alumni and where they are today. Please feel free to invite friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to come and celebrate this special time and be a part of "HIS" story!



Weekend of September 7-8, 2019 **Worship Schedule:** 

LW Praise Worship Saturday 5:00pm LW Worship Sunday 7:45am & 9am (no 11am service) **AV Anniversary Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30am** (no 9:45am service)



# **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

Let your light shine before others. Mathew 5:16



The preschoolers had so much fun during our ten weeks of *Camp Sonshine* summer school with hands-on learning through artistic and creative expression, science, outdoor activities, and daily chapel time where "Charlie" helped us with our fruit of the Spirit! 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.

Please call the preschool office at 581-8115 if you would like to tour/enroll. Tell a friend (brochures are in the kiosks in the LW & AV sanctuary front entryways, the LW church office and nursery, and the preschool office.) We offer half day (8:45-11:45,) extended day (8:45-3,) and full day (7:45am-5:45pm.) Thank you for your prayers & support for this LCOTC ministry.

Website: www.lccpreschool.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/lccpreschoollw







# Care Responders - CARE RESPONDERS ARE WAITING & WILLING TO HELP...



Often as we go through our day a task comes up that we could use a hand to either fix, move, or carry something...or we just need a ride! We often tough it out and don't ask for help. Men are the biggest offenders and many times we just don't know where to turn or who to talk to. Those days are now over! You don't need to be timid, afraid or reluctant to raise your hand and speak up for fear of bothering someone. The **CARE RESPONDERS** ministry is designed specifically to help with these type of needs. **CARE** 

**RESPONDER** volunteers are motivated by the Lord to help, and because of this, you may take comfort in the Lord to "ask for a little help." The process is simple; call Gordon Peldo at 949-837-9944 or the church office at 949-837-4673. You will be asked a few guestions about your particular need and then the appropriate volunteer will follow through with you personally to help take care of your need. IT'S THAT EASY! The bible calls us to... "Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2



# Saturday, August 10 ~ LW ~ 8am-12 noon

Volunteer some of your time to help us keep our church looking great!



# **Compassion Ministries** by Scott Dawson

# **Mission Offering:**

\$762 was given to Custom Canines in June. This agency helps to train and provide service dogs to those in need who otherwise could not afford such assistance. Thanks for helping to meet the needs to those who are physically or mentally challenged in Christ's name!

\$952 was given to Bethesda Lutheran Homes in July to help this ministry care for those who are mentally challenged, many of whom participate and/or worship with us each week. Thanks for supporting these special brothers and sisters in Christ!

# Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities to help people in need:

Care Responders - Care Responders is always looking for people interested in joining an ever-growing team of helpers that meet basic physical needs of members (errands, meals, rides, light household tasks & repairs) on an "as-needed basis." If this is something you'd like to know more about, or to join the team, please contact Gordon Peldo at: (949)837-9944 or gpeldo@sbcglobal.net.

Village of Hope (OC Rescue Mission) - On the second Saturday of each month we help in the Kitchen and Dining Hall with cleaning, sorting and lunch preparation for residents at the village. Come and share the 'hands-on' love of Christ to many who are coming to know Him through this Christ centered ministry that helps people transition back into society. The next opportunity to serve will be: **Saturday, August 10 from 9:00am-1:00pm**. If you'd like to help, please contact Scott Dawson at: (949) 338-4966 or spdawson60@gmail.com.

Senior Grocery Program - This fresh food ministry continues to bless many people. Over 150 on average for the opening months of 2019! Come and be a part of this 'Bread of Life' ministry to the many, from varied backgrounds, who walk through our doors! The opportunities to serve this month are: August 9 & 23 from 8:45-11:15am. Please contact Bill Perry at: bill@pertel.com or Scott Dawson at: spdawson60@gmail.com if you would like to serve.

Senior Food Box - This ministry 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 is Tuesday, August 13. For more info, contact Scott Dawson at: spdawson60@gmail.com.

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share...so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:18-19



# **Dramatic Presentation of the Gospel of John**

Steve Mahoney tells the Gospel of John from memory in a storytelling fashion. Scholars suggest that close to 90% of people in Jesus' day could not read or write, so this is an example of how people of the first century may have heard the Gospel of John told. His presentation makes Jesus' amazing miracles and message come alive.

> Saturday, August 3 ~ 6PM Dinner (\$5) ~ Gospel of John (love offering) **LW Social Hall**



We are looking for crafters and vendors to participate in our annual Holiday Boutique, October 19 (9am-5pm) & October 20 (9am-2pm). Seeking 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.















# Worship, Dinner & a Movie at LW

Saturday, August 17 5pm Worship ~ 6pm Dinner (\$5) 7pm Movie (free-will offering)

# Breakthrough:

When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost as John lies lifeless. In the face of every bleak medical case history and dire scientific prediction, Joyce's unwavering belief inspires her community to pray for John's recovery. Based on the

incredible true story, BREAKTHROUGH is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

# Help Our American Heritage Girls Troop CA2517!

Please bring diapers, wipes, clothes, bottles, coloring books, toys etc. for the families at Camp Pendleton. Blue and red bins will be placed at each campus for your gifts. On August 30 our AHG Troop will distribute all of our donations to the families. Please bring all donations to the church on or before August 26. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to attend, please contact Bekah Bay at 949-526-5010 by 8/4







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**Financial Report** by Kevin Murphy, Operations Director

As of May 31, 2019	May	May	YTD	YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Offering Income	\$63,674	\$80,150	\$893,502	\$1,033,007	
Other Income	\$6,247	\$7,545	\$366,337	\$85,995	
Total Income	\$69,921	\$87,695	\$1,259,839	\$1,119,002	
Expenses:					
Administration (1)	\$86,457	\$87,199	\$913,189	\$982,542	
Outside Ministries (2)	\$6,000	\$6,650	\$81,725	\$76,200	
Internal Ministries (3)	\$1,558	\$2,700	\$32,363	\$28,650	
Other Expenses (4)	\$5,751	\$3,800	\$37,358	\$40,650	
Total Expenses	\$99,766	\$100,349	\$1,064,635	\$1,128,042	
Net Ordinary Income	- \$29,845	-\$12,654	\$195,204	-\$9,040	
Depreciation Expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	

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



# ALISO VIEJO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Message from our AVCS Principal- Kalyn Peterson

Aliso Viejo Christian School is thrilled to be starting its 21st year as a ministry partner of Lutheran Church of the Cross. It is always our mission to guide hearts, inspire minds and transform lives through a rich Bible-based, academically excellent education for Junior Kindergarten through Eighth grade students. Keep a lookout in your church calendar for the many opportunities throughout the school year for church families to participate in our school events. We would love to have you visit our school campus and eniov events such as our Annual Gala, Band and Orchestra concerts, Musicals, STEAM Night, Talent Show, Carnival and more. As always we so appreciate your support and prayers for our school ministry. We are blessed by you and the Lord's continued faithfulness! May the 2019-2020 school year be the best one yet! Go Conquerors!





# News from Our Father's Table (OFT)

Summer time brings many challenges to our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness. We may have more encounters with them as we spend more time enjoying out weather. I encourage each of you to greet our dear neighbors with a warm smile, for they are often ignored. This simple gesture of the Lord's love shown in a smile will make a difference in their lives. We thank you for your passion, support and prayers, for these are the backbone of Our Father's Table. We are forever grateful to you!!!!

# Missionary Spotlight by Geri Robinson, Missions Committee

Missions Update: The FURNEY Family in Malawi, Africa

Lee and Fai Furney (and son, Titus) continue to serve faithfully in Malawi amid challenging circumstances as a result of Cyclone Idai that devastated Southeast Africa. They mourn the loss of a dear friend as a result of that tragedy and yet have experienced the generosity of



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many who have come alongside them to be salt and light to the community that they serve.

Their ministry consists of Lee pastoring Blantyne Community Church and providing safe houses on their property to accommodate three vulnerable families in need. They share: "Central to everything we do is proclaiming the gospel to address the deeper needs that the cameras cannot capture. In the shape of the worldwide Church, God is building the safest of all houses for those who call on his name, which will withstand the 'flood' of his judgment when Christ returns." Moreover, they describe the depth of their calling this way: "As we continue to grow, the challenge, as ever, is to consistently engage our culture humbly yet boldly with the gospel, rather than retreating into a 'Christian comfort club' or conforming to the world around us. However, the exaggerated difficulties of our beautiful yet broken setting mean that the pull from both ends of the spectrum is intensified here. In particular, we struggle to retain potential indigenous leaders that don't become distracted or discouraged by the many barriers to making a living in one of the poorest countries in the world, or else diverted down the path of sensual indulgence."

Let's continue to cover the Furneys in earnest prayer for God to be present in every element of their service, and that they experience joy and encouragement by witnessing the fruit of their labors.

# June 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting highlights:

- •2019-2020 proposed budgets were approved by congregation
- Four council members were elected: Chrissy Brothwell, Kyle Koyamatsu, Sheila Miller, Mark Umbach

•Newly Elected Council Officers:

Bill Perry, President Scott Berg, Treasurer Cindy Grace, Secretary Joe Moreno, Vice President Nancy Venable, Member-at-Large

**Kids4Jesus Ministries** by Bekah Bay, Director **SUNDAYS: 9AM** KidZbay at LW (Preschool-5th Grades)



# 9:45AM KidZbay at AV (Preschool-5th Grades)

- 5:30PM Dinner
- **6:15PM** Kids Nite (Preschool-5th Grades)

# Program

# P.R.A.Y. Camps at AV August 5 – 9

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 5-9, 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. 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 youthserving agencies. For more information go to www.praypub.org. To register, email Miss Bekah at bekah@lcotc.org.

# **AUGUST EVENTS**

8/5-9: P.R.A.Y. Camp 9am-Noon at AV in The Cove - Registration is still open

8/7: Summer Kids Nite at Laguna Woods

**8/14:** Summer Kids Nite at Laguna Woods

**8/20**: AVCS first day of school

**8/28:** Kids Nite ~ OFF SITE Event at Big Air. (No Kids Nite at LW campus) RSVP to Bekah Bay at 949-526-5010 \$20/youth includes 1 hour of jump time, grip socks, pizza and drinks. Meet at Big Air's front desk at 5:30PM to check in

Jump time 6-7PM; 7-7:45PM Pizza time; Event ends 7:45PM

**8/30: 11AM – 6PM** Gator Bash at Camp Pendleton – AHG Troop CA2517 & anvone else who would like to join us!

# **Youth4Jesus Ministries** by Bekah Bay, Director



MS Summer Big Bash Nites were awesome! Next one: Thursday, September 26, 6-8pm at AV



# time, grip socks, pizza and drinks

Meet at Big Air's front desk at 5:30PM to check in

MS BIG AIR DAY ~ August 28

Jump time 6-7PM; 7-7:45PM Pizza time; Event ends 7:45PM RSVP to Bekah Bay at 949-526-5010



# **Middle School Summer Days**

Sundays ~ **9am** ∼ LW Social Hall Library during YOUTH ROOM REMODEL

Wednesdays ~ Laguna Woods ~ August 7&14

~ **5:30pm** Dinner (Social Hall)

~ **6:15pm** Youth Group meet in Room C during





HS Summer Beach Bash ~ Aliso Creek Beach with Brooks Duggan leading worship and sharing his God story

# **HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER DAYS**

- HS ~ **Sunday mornings at 9am** in the LW Social Hall Library during YOUTH ROOM REMODEL
- ◆ HS ~ Summer Beach Days: **Thursday 8/8** at Aliso Creek Beach from **2-5pm** (hang time) ~ **6-8pm** BBQ/Bonfire/Worship
- ◆ HS ~ Summer Youth Group Nites: **Sundays, 8/4 & 8/18** (locations vary contact Bekah for details) **6-7pm**

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