

Vista

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Beloved of God,

There is an icon hanging on my wall titled, "Jesus Christ Blessing the Children." Many protestants are unfamiliar with icons, and you may be wondering what exactly they are.

In the early centuries of the church, when illiteracy was prevalent and writing was an expensive proposition, generations of Christians entered more deeply into their faith through the icons (painted images) that adorned the walls of their churches. The icons brought the stories of the scriptures to life. They were understood as highly symbolic theology written in paint and not as mere pictures. There were (and are) rules governing their writing (those who create them do not say they paint them) and their interpretation. All of this is especially true for our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters, who celebrate the use of icons in worship on a special Sunday each year called, "The Triumph of Orthodoxy." Icons, and all other forms of art in worship, have a more complicated history in the Reformed tradition.

Why do I mention all of this? Because, as I said, I have an icon hanging in my office titled, "Jesus Christ Blessing the Children." In the icon, Jesus sits in the middle of a clearing. His arms are opened wide in invitation, so wide that he almost looks uncomfortable, and children

are running to him. Jesus' attention is focused on the children. One small child is climbing into his lap, holding fast to his robe. Another is running to his knee. A small crowd of children is surging toward him from the other direction. Within the crowd, one mother is holding the hand of a child who is bringing Jesus a flower. Behind Jesus, a mother holds her young child near to him.

The icon speaks to me in a beautiful way of God's gentleness toward us. When I look at it, I remember Jesus' words in Matthew 18, "I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven." It is so easy as adults to be forever about the business of growing up. It is good to be reminded that one of our greater needs, according to Jesus, is growing young.

As I have looked upon the icon, I have also been thinking of our Holy Week services and the ways in which we made space for children in our worship: Peggy leading a tour of the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday; the donkey leading our procession into worship on Palm Sunday; the inclusion of the children's paintings in worship on both Palm Sunday and Easter. In each of these ways, we gave the children in our congregation the chance to be children and to

participate fully in drawing near to Jesus.

There is more that happens in these moments. Within these worship spaces, I think Jesus calls to those of us who are adults and invites us to become like children. Sometimes we embrace this call joyfully, other times it is necessary for us to open our embrace so wide that we become uncomfortable. Yet however it happens, in these moments we are given a gift in return, because these sorts of spaces invite us to grow young. Jesus assures us that when this happens, we enter a little more into God's kingdom.

I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Glory to God!
Jonathan

Mission Statement

Following Jesus.
Growing together.
Sharing God's love with
neighbors near and far.

ALL CHURCH

Thank you for the Easter Lilies beautifully displayed on Easter Sunday!

Tom, Teresa & Hannah Archbold - in memory of parents and grandparents.

Bob & Brenda Beck - In honor of Ed and Elaine Ruffner.

Heather & Kevin Bergerson - celebrating all the fun Easter memories with Gammy Pam.

Bob & Nancy Burton - honoring our 5 grandchildren.

Billie Cranor - Birth of my great grandson is a blessing!

Terry & Marcia Edmondson - In memory of loved ones!

Richard & Nancy Fisher - For our loved ones.

Audrey Johnston Garcia—In memory of Oscar Garcia, Billie Wolf, Joyce Cordell, Renee & Eric Jantz, Donald Johnston.

Gonzalez Family

David & Mary Grasmick - in memory of our daughter Jennifer Caroline Grasmick.

Jim & Jackie Jacobs - In loving memory of our parents - Jack & Sara Solano and Al & Margaret Jacobs.

Barbara Lotz—in memory of loved ones.

Barbara Shock - in memory of my husband, son, parents and sisters.



LVHPC Men's Breakfast

When? 3rd Saturday every month
7:30 through 9:30 a.m.

Where? Laird Hall, LVHPC
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne

What? Food (bring your favorite breakfast
goodie to share)
Good stories
Sharing and fellowship
Bible Study and Prayer

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume
resume September 10th or 17th
from 9:00-11:00 in Laird Hall.

We will be studying Galatians 5:22,
The Fruits of the Spirit.

Call Linda Sites (909) 599-8051, if you are interested in
joining us.



Ladies' Bible Study

YOUTH

Student Ministries (6th - 12th grade)

Second Hour Sunday School
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Meets in the Youth Room

Youth Group
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Meets in the Youth Room

(unless otherwise listed in the
What's Happening weekly calendar)

CHILDREN

LVHPC Kids' Programs (for children ages birth - 5th grade)

Nursery care: Birth to 2 years old
9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Children's Church (Dismissed from worship).
Sundays: 10:30am - 11:15am

Children's Recess & Snack (after worship)
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

2nd Hour Enrichment (age 2 - 5th grade)
Sundays, 11:30am - 12:15pm

Sign Singing starts May12 - Elementary age
Contact: Peggy Tomita
email: misspeggysoo@gmail.com

ALL CHURCH

SATURDAY QUILT DATES IN 2019

May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12 9:00-3:00
November 9



Time is from 9:00-12:00 in Laird Hall
unless noted otherwise.

Monday Dorcas Update

Monday Dorcas meets in the Youth Room every
Monday from 1:30 - 3:00.

You can come and learn how to knit or crochet!
The group also makes comfort quilts for those
who are ill, new babies or to help comfort during
grief. Come and join us and learn a new
skill while having fun.

SAVE THE DATE!

LVHPC Camping Weekend

June 20-23, 2019;

Serrano Campground,
near Big Bear.

Space is limited.

Contact Brian Ebersole

(909) 816-3935, or

Keith Lentz (909) 599-5972

LVHPC SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

The senior lunch program is still being held on
the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Hillcrest
Dining Room at 12:15. There are usually about
16 seniors joining together for lunch and to
enjoy each other's company. It's a wonderful
way to get to know each other and discuss
items that are of concern to seniors. We wel-
come anyone in the age group to join us and
share lunch and special memories we all have.

- Beryl Fordyce

SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coming to LVHPC - July 8 - 12, Mornings

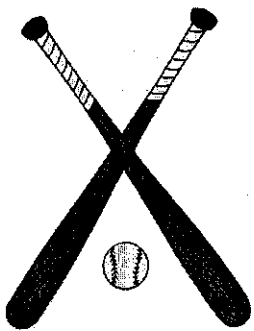
Stay Tuned! More information soon!

Certificate of Appreciation

David & Margaret's Youth and Family Services
presented a certificate of appreciation to our
church for our help on many volunteer events. The
presentation took place at Rancho Santa Ana
Botanical Garden. What an Honor!

Thank you, Mission Ministry

ALL CHURCH



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

It was such fun last year that we decided to do it again! We have a block of tickets reserved for the Quakes Baseball Game on Saturday, June 29. We're in the same section as last year. The tickets are \$9.00/seat (regardless of age.) Gates open at 6:00; game starts at 7:00. We have to pay up front, so I need your commitment & payment asap. I'll pick up the actual tickets on Monday, June 17 and distribute them on Sunday, June 23, or you can pick them up game night at the stadium Will Call window. This is a fun event for "kids" of any age. Don't miss out! Judy Pfeifer

May Birthday Blessings



David Grasmick	5/2
Gabriel Hughes	5/3
Tomi Tomita	5/3
Raul Magana	5/4
Philip Salyards	5/4
Mary Grasmick	5/5
Scott Cormode	5/6
Pam Stout	5/7
Marcia Edmondson	5/9
Mary McCune	5/9
Natasha Laushkin	5/10
Alan Thompson	5/11
Judy Davies	5/13
Jack Walls	5/14
Nicholas Jeske	5/18
Johanna Renkema	5/18
Lucy Boles	5/22
Elizabeth Cormode	5/22
Nick Laushkin	5/23
Peggy Tomita	5/24
Richard Pede	5/25
Jane Riggs	5/25
Bill Gray	5/29

If your name is from this list, please call Jenny in the office and she will put you in!

Join us for the 2019
Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, May 18th
9am -2pm

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Road
La Verne, Ca 91750

Come shop for jewelry, soaps,
essential oils, wreaths, wall art,
farmhouse decor, quilts, fabric items,
baked goods, jams, scentsy,
kettle corn, color street nails,
cotton candy, and so much more.....

Over 30 Vendors!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? AT LVHPC IN MAY

May 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

MAY 1

- 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Men's AA Mtg (Laird)

MAY 2

- 7:00 p.m. - Session Mtg (CFC)
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

MAY 3

- 3:30-4:30pm - Girl Scouts (Laird)

MAY 5

- 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsals
10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Adult Ed
11:30-12:15 - Children's 2nd Hr.
5:00 - 6:30pm Youth Group (Youth)

MAY 6

- 1:30 p.m. - Dorcas (Youth Rm)

MAY 7

- 9:30 a.m. - Women's Bible
Study Breakfast @
Peppertree, Glendora

MAY 8

- 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Men's AA Mtg (Laird)

MAY 9

- 7:15 p.m. - Deacon Mtg (Laird)
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

MAY 11

- 7:00-9:00 - Homeless Breakfast
in Pomona
9:00-12:00 - Quilt Day (Laird)
4:00 p.m. - Windsong Southland
Chorale Concert
(Sanctuary)

MAY 12

- 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsals
10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:30-12:15 - Children's 2nd Hr.
(Sign Singing)
11:30 a.m. - Adult Ed
5:00-6:30pm - Youth Group
(Youth Room)

MAY 13

- 1:30 p.m. - Dorcas (Youth Rm)

MAY 15

- 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Men's AA Mtg
(Laird)

MAY 16

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

MAY 18

- 7:30-9:30am - Men's Breakfast
9:00-2:00 pm - Spring Craft Fair
(Laird & Patio)

MAY 19

- 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsals
10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Adult Ed
11:30-12:15 - Children's 2nd Hr.
(Sign Singing)
12:15 p.m. - Sr. Lunch @
Hillcrest
5:00-6:30pm - Youth Group

MAY 20

- 1:30 p.m. - Dorcas (Youth Rm)

MAY 22

- 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Men's AA Meeting
(Laird)

MAY 23

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

MAY 25

- 8:00 a.m. - Homeless Break-
fast (in Pomona)

MAY 26

- 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsals
10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Adult Ed
11:30-12:15 - Children's 2nd Hr.
(Sign Singing)

- 11:30 a.m. - ICON - Meeting on
Housing (Laird)
5:00-6:30pm - Youth Group

MAY 27**MEMORIAL DAY**

Office Closed

MAY 29

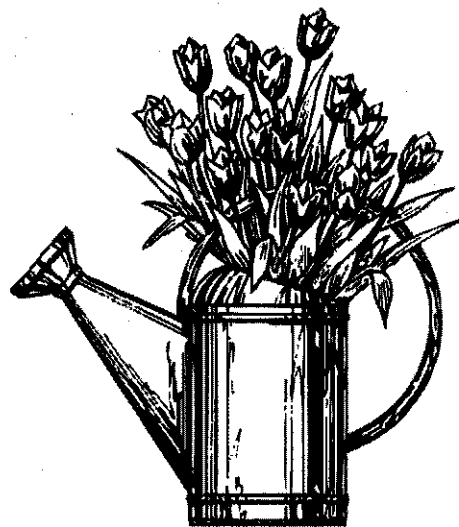
- 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Men's AA Mtg.
(Laird)

MAY 30

- 7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

MAY 31

Session Retreat



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