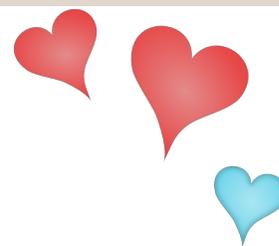


Lamb's Tale



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Item: Annual Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting of our congregation. If you didn't get to attend, copies of the report booklet are available at the office or in the narthex. As shared in my report, it's hard to believe it's been 10 years since I came to LOG. While we are at a critical stage in our history we haven't given up. We are a tenacious little bunch. Thank you for your faithfulness and your unwillingness to surrender to the forces of decline and despair. I know it can sometimes be hard to do. We'll stay focused on the work God has given us to do and keep looking ahead in hope. Because it was my tenth anniversary one thing I did this year as part of my report was ask for table conversation about what you would like me to do as I set my priorities for this year and beyond. It was interesting to read them. Most were clear enough - some less so. I'll present the list to the council so that they can help me set the priorities and the direction for working on them. I imagine it'll make for some interesting conversation.

Item: RIC Sunday

On the 24th of January we celebrated the first anniversary of our status as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation. Becoming RIC makes a clear public statement that we are fully welcoming of all LGBTQ persons. This is something that is important for those people who have felt very unwelcome in churches because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

This past week three of us from LOG attended a meeting at the LGBT Center of OC in Santa Ana. It was a meeting specifically for the transgender community. We were invited to meet people, learn about their programs and begin to explore the possibility of creating a spiritual support group. We got a good start and have plans to continue to talk with their leadership about creating such a group.

With that in mind I want to remind you that 'Trans' persons are some of the most at risk group within the LGBTQ community. They are often misunderstood, harassed, and treated with contempt and violence. Trans youth in particular represent a significant proportion among runaway children. They are extremely vulnerable on the street and commit suicide at a very high rate. All transgender persons (we heard this repeatedly at the meeting we attended) need people on their side who are willing to give them understanding and support and stand with them against the resistance and hatefulness they often face on a daily basis in the wider community. I hope we will be people who can and will stand with them.

With that in mind I want to encourage you to check out the link on the 'Links I Like' page about Franklin Graham and what he preaches about transgender kids. He represents exactly the kind of outrageous and dangerous talk that gets Trans kids abused, bullied and hurt. We must stand against such hateful and belligerent rhetoric - particularly from such high profile and influential voices as his. ...

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Item: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Jacob – Feb 13, 3-6 pm

Jacob's family needs our help. Jacob is 11 and is suffering from an inoperable form of brain cancer. With some financial and logistical support from *Thrivent Financial* and others in our community - including Chef Bruno Serato from the *White House* in Anaheim - we will put on a dinner to raise money to help. There is an invitation in this newsletter. It is first for you. We hope you (and your family) will come. But it is also yours to give to someone else to encourage them to come. Our goal is modest – 100 dinners. We're hoping to raise at least \$1000. With your help I think we will do it easily. Pray for Jacob and his family and help us get the word out about the dinner. In case you're interested, and get this newsletter electronically, here is the link to an online fundraising site previously set up for Jacob and his family by others. It has more detailed info about the situation. <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/412Aqd>

Feel free to contribute there if you want, but we hope you'll support our project as well. It'll be a delicious dinner and it's a great cause. By the way, as Chef Bruno is generously helping us with our pasta needs, I hope you will show your gratitude by having a meal from time to time at the *White House* and thank the Chef in person – he's a truly wonderful human being with a huge place in his heart for children in need. God bless him! Again, check out the item about him on the 'Links I Like' page.

Item: Lent

Lent arrives early this year. Ash Wednesday is Feb 10 (7pm worship). We will be following the usual pattern for our Lenten observance: Sunday worship at the usual time and an extra midweek service on Wednesday evenings - Prayer Around the Cross at 7pm following soup supper at 6pm. On Wed evenings we'll be using video presentations by world-class teachers to begin conversations around the theme of the cross and what it means. See the descriptive page in this newsletter.

See you at church,
Pastor Steve

Links I Like - Pastor Steve



Bruno Serato is a blessing to OC kids in many ways. He's recently become something of a national celebrity, but he's also a very humble and generous person. Check out his newest program:

<http://ktla.com/2016/01/13/o-c-motel-children-served-hot-meals-as-program-for-needy-kids-expands/>

For the MLK Jr. Holiday - A campus pastor's thoughtful protest (posted on Nadia Bolz-Weber's Facebook Page)

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/why-i-will-protest-a-school-i-love#When:2016-01-16T06:05:00+00:00>

From *Living Lutheran* - Why being welcoming isn't enough. We also need to be inviting.

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6580/why-many-welcoming-churches-are-dying-churches>

Another piece from *Living Lutheran* - this time from one of our Pacifica Synod's pastors reflecting on the healing process following the San Bernardino shootings:

<http://www.elca.org/en/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2016/01/160112-Healing-begins-in-San-Bernardino>

This kind of talk breaks the heart. Remember, just because someone has a respected family name, it doesn't mean that whatever they say is right or good or even Christian:

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/formerlyfundie/no-franklin-graham-lgbtq-children-are-not-the-enemy/>

Social Ministries

PLEASE HELP US TACKLE HUNGER on Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 7th!

Bring Canned or Dry Soup and other Non-Perishable food items along with Cash and Checks!☺
The Food items will be used to help restock our EMERGENCY PANTRY and the monetary donations will be used to support our HOMELESS LUNCH MINISTRY.



Social Ministries Project for 2016 Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Andrea Mathews

I would like to start this month collecting items for school kits. Due to the huge refugee problem, there is a dire need for them.
You are asked to give one or more of each item each month for 5 months. Then I will pack them and ship them by the Fall.

Here is a list of items needed:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks wide or college ruled
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissor
- 5 #2 pencils
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 box 16-24 crayons
- 1 2 1/2 in eraser

Schedule:

- January - notebooks
- February - pencil sharpener and eraser
- March - pencils and pens
- April - scissors
- May - crayons.

PLEASE make sure the items are of good quality.



LOG Activities

Midweek Lenten Series – Conversations about the Cross **Wednesday Evenings beginning Feb 17th at 7PM in Luther Hall** **(following the Soup Supper)**

What does the cross mean? What does it mean to you? When asked we sometimes struggle with how to answer that question. Often we resort to very simplistic answers. This question is at the very heart of our faith and life. We need to know how to answer that question with depth and conviction. Our modern world context demands it. With the help of these world-class scholars, pastors, and teachers we'll follow their video presentations about what the cross means to them. As we do we'll explore the subject of the cross from a variety of different angles. I think you will find these presentations and the conversations we have that follow both enriching but also challenging. Some of the names of the presenters may be familiar – but others will not be. Come and meet them – sit at their feet – and deepen your understanding. I think you will find your own discipleship deeply transformed by their insights. Here's the list of 6 presentations and the presenters. The order is still being worked out so specific dates are not included.

- “Ashes” – Sara Miles
- “All the Way Down” - Danielle Shroyer
- “The Antidote” – Nadia Bolz-Weber
- “Embracing the Cross” – Richard Rohr
- “The Human One” – Richard Rohr
- “Something New” – Miroslav Volf



LOG Child Care Center

Ahhhh...love is in the air and we are looking forward to a great month. The kids love Valentine's Day and all the fun and love that goes with it. We will have parties and make some special gifts for our parents. Always a great time for buddy pictures and sharing the love.

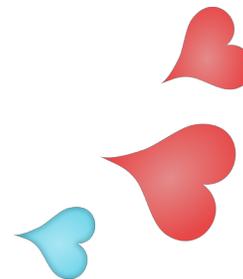
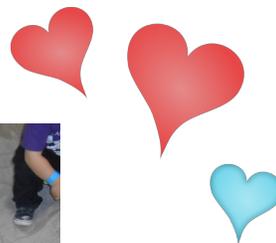
We just came back from a wonderful trip to Pretend City in Irvine that has inspired up to get together more areas for fun and exploration on our campus. They offer many areas for the children to explore...a library, stage, pizza restaurant, water area, art room...etc. Any donations of old clothes, shoes, purses and hats would be appreciated as we add some of these centers to our program.

We are also going to be putting in new vegetables and flowers in the backyard garden. We are hoping to grow carrots, beans, corn and radishes soon.

Another theme day from the movies "Cars" will be happening and a famous Rock-n-Roll day will keep us busy this month. Hearing and acting out the story of the Good Samaritan will remind us to love one another whenever we can.

Never a dull moment at the Child Care Center.. we wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and thanks for your support.

Ms. Lisa Cottrell-Murray



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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM- English

11:00 AM - Korean



Location & Time To Be Determined
Ordinary Grace



Hillary Chambers	2/11
Paul Schick	2/19
Mike Haske	2/27



Add to your prayer list

Joe Jordan, Hortie Perez, Marie B., Family of Paul Mangino, Mia Grace, Torrie C, Vanessa Mathews, Bob Bogner, Fenton Smallwood, Rose, Jennifer, Jacob Dickinson, Jerry Ashby, Yvonne Messer, Nicholas Mella, Michael, Judy, Steven Olmanni, Helen Suarez, Jesse Garcia, Elizabeth Grier-son, Sharon Stonebridge, Brian Lune, Dan Jackson, Clara Caldwell, Maggie Trujillo, Dolores, Vickie Trujillo, Judy Creech, Gretchen Whitaker, Iris Bents, Sherrie Eggers, Marie Cadwell, Pat Cadwell, Jack & Evelyn Curtis, Jim Barker, Cheryl Lynn Gielow, Roy Onishi, AdventLane Bryant, Wanda Figueroa, Gilbert Percifield, Tony Nielson, Delanee Woods, Chuck Johnson, Dallas and Ashby Family, Linda Henderson, Jeremy, Bill Garvey, Linda Percifield, Karen Norton, Kenny and Christopher Hahn, Christa, Christine, and Irene Murphy, Gloria, Sharon, and Susan Hurd, Jody Ferrante, Leigh Conway, Laurie Rain, Jean Anderson, Kyle Adams, Dylan Saks, Louise Blakely, Mary Kay Drenner, Margaret Browning. (If you have names to add to or remove from the prayer list call the church office @ 1-714-772-2772. The whole congregation is encouraged to remember these persons and families in their private prayers and devotions this coming week.

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