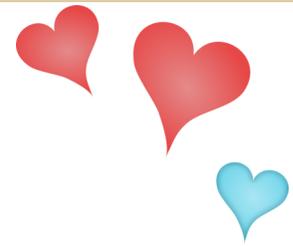


Lamb's Tale



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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. 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. One item that was clearly encouraging was that we ended 2016 strongly in the black. Thank you to all for your faithful financial commitment. The commitment cards received for 2017 were also encouraging. Perhaps another year in the black may be possible.

Item: Reconciling in Christ Sunday

On the 29th of January we celebrated the second 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. We have seen little change in our constituency as a result of our RIC status. I don't know if that will begin to change anytime soon. While we wait and continue to make ourselves known to people in the LGBTQ community, we can make good use of this time. We can grow in our understanding so that when persons come among us they will find us to be informed and using language that is supportive and welcoming. To that end later this winter or early in the spring I will be offering a class based on the guide published by Reconciling Works called "Lutheran Introduction to Our LGBTQ Neighbors." It may seem a small thing to many, but it can be extremely important to making our guests feel welcome among us. There is much to learn.

Item: South Jr. High Service Day at LOG

On Jan 16, Martin Luther King Jr Day, about 10 students from South came to our campus to perform acts of service to honor the legacy of Dr. King who famously said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" In the two hours or so they were here they cleaned the LOG kitchen cupboards and the Luther Hall windows. They hauled mulch at the CCC and read stories to the children. They did a great job. There is a picture in this newsletter. Thanks to Andrea for helping me coordinate the kid's activities. And thanks to Lisa for allowing the kids to interact with the CCC children. This is the third consecutive year they have done this 'Servathon.' We look forward them returning next year.

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Item: LOG receives *Matthew 25 Grant and gift from St. Luke, Fullerton*

Late in December we were blessed with a substantial gift from the Pacifica Synod. We received a grant of \$900 from the *Matthew 25 Fund*. This gift is designated to support ministries that serve those in need following the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 25: "As you have done these things to the least of these members of my family you have done it unto me." These monies will be a blessing to support what we are currently doing and can also perhaps seed new ideas that help us serve our neighbors in need. We are very grateful to the trustees of that fund for giving us this grant.

In addition, we were also blessed even further when last month St Luke Lutheran Church in Fullerton (where Pr. Hong is serving in an interim capacity) gifted us with the proceeds of their recycling program - \$400 toward our homeless ministry. This is the second year they have done this. Again, we are deeply grateful. The Lord continues to provide.

Item: Lent

Lent arrives late this year. Ash Wednesday is March 1st (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 Wednesdays we will (as will many ELCA congregations around the country) explore the Small Catechism: *With New Voices – the Small Catechism for the 21st Century*. This is in keeping with our year-long emphasis for *Reformation 500*. "*With New Voices*" invites you into a fresh engagement with the Small Catechism . . . It is an invitation to *hear the gospel anew in our time and be renewed in our voices for this day.*"

Be watching the bulletin for information about study and devotional resources we will be using for this Lenten observance that you may want to purchase. I'll be taking orders soon.

See you at church,
Pastor Steve

Links I Like - Pastor Steve

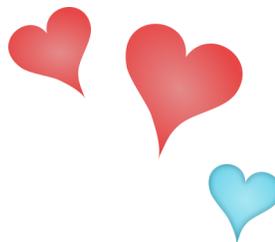
Recent actions by the Trump Administration issuing Executive Orders that restrict refugees and others from certain countries from entering the US have drawn a huge reaction around the world and of particular interest to us from Christian leaders around the country including our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. First, a pastoral message from Bp. Eaton to the people of the ELCA. I encourage you to click on the links in this letter so you can better understand our ministries with refugee persons.

<http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7873>

Next, a Statement from the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS):

<http://lirs.org/press-inquiries/press-room/condemns-the-trump-administrations-actions-against-refugees-and-migrants/>

While you're at it I encourage you to visit the LIRS website (www.lirs.org). There is much there to learn about how refugee resettlement works and what you can do if you'd like to give your support.



Social Ministries

PLEASE HELP US TACKLE HUNGER on Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 5th!

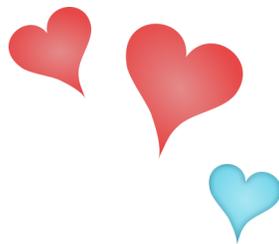
Bring Canned or Dry Soup and other Non-Perishable food items along with Cash and Checks! The Food items will be used to help restock our EMERGENCY PANTRY and the monetary donations will be used to support our HOMELESS LUNCH MINISTRY.

Lamb of God would like to express our gratitude to the Teachers and Student volunteers that came to help give our campus a beauty boost during the South Jr High Servathon. We appreciate the continued support and partnership with our neighborhood and community.



Condolences

To Suzanne Bogner and her family, especially her father, John. Her mother Marie Davis died in January.



LOG Child Care Center

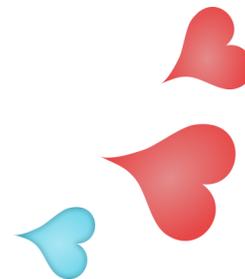
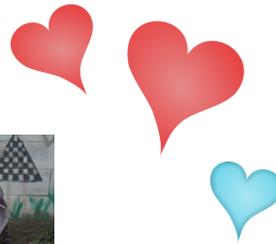
Happy New Year from LOGCCC ! We had such a fabulous December that we will have to work hard to top it. The Christmas program was fun and lower stress than usual. We created a CD of the kids acting out the nativity story that you can see here for free and/or buy for \$5.00. It was a great time for all. Santa dropped by, decorator cookies were everywhere, we were even able to share some with our homeless lunch participants. Very yummy!

We are starting the year strong with all classes full and a good waiting list. The kids will be attending Pretend City for our first field trip and many more fun things are happening in January. We are having a Chinese New Year's Party, a PJ party, winter centers and lots of learning opportunities. We have upgraded the backyard with new wood chips and redwood edging.

We are happy we are able to upgrade things as the building is aging and we want to stay at the top with our grounds.

Thank you for your support of our ministry, come and visit anytime!

God Bless,
Ms Lisa and all at LOGCCC



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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM- English

11:00 AM - Korean



2/12 6:45 pm
Tyler Robinson's House
The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto
By: Mitch Albom



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



Add to
your
prayer
list

Richardi Hagerman, Family of Marie Davis, Julie Morgenfruh, Raquel, Juan, Kevin Whitley, Family of Sharmon Intili, Christine Navarro, Arlene Walton, Jack Saylor, Holly Beaumont Baker, Bonnie Ausmus, Ms. Toni, Mary Dickinson, John, Scott, Jason, Jon Sean, David, Carlos, Danny, Jose Trujillo, Lavada Goldsbury, Jodi Sherman, Maggie, Anita Gomberg Stevie Fosnight, Jerry & Consuelo Burke, Joe Jordan, Hortie Perez, Marie B., Torrie C, Rose, Jennifer, Jerry Ashby, Yvonne Messer, Michael, Judy, Steven Olmanni, Helen Suarez, Sharon Stonebridge, Dan Jackson, Dolores, Vickie Trujillo, Judy Creech, Sherrie Eggers, Marie Cadwell, Pat Cadwell, Jack & Evelyn Curtis, Jim Barker, Cheryl Lynn Gielow, Fran & Roy Onishi, AdventLane Bryant, Wanda Figueroa, Tony Nielson, Delanee Woods, Chuck Johnson, Dallas and Ashby Family, Linda Henderson, Jeremy, 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, 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).

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