

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."

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a fun New Year.

It's been a couple of months since we published a newsletter. A couple of highlights from last fall: In November we had a successful Hurricane Relief Fundraiser Event at which we raised over \$600 for Lutheran Disaster Response. Thanks to all who helped with this event, especially our friends from First Lutheran in Fullerton who partnered with us. In December our "Matthew 25 Fund" grant from the Pacifica Synod was renewed at \$800. This funding is designated specifically for our homeless ministry. Both are good things and we thank God.

Now another new year is before us. It will be another year where we walk by faith (not by sight) into an uncertain and challenging future. But we are not alone. God is with us. We walk in his light and love. As we move into 2018 there are a couple of key questions that remain unanswered and will possibly re-shape our ministry somewhat.

First, it seems likely (as of this writing) that the ministry to the homeless persons living along the Flood Channel will come to an end within a few weeks as those persons are scheduled to be evicted from their tent community. It's interesting that we expected this to happen last year about this time and it didn't due to a court injunction. Something like that could happen again. We just don't know and so we're taking things week to week.

This ministry has been a weekly part of our community outreach for over 9 years. When it ends what will we do then? Well, we have another possibility that we are considering. But still, it will be a big change for us. Perhaps it will open up other new possibilities. When it does finally end I'll have a much more extensive list of reflections to offer about that ministry.

Second, in November we made the decision to discontinue the Saturday outdoor markets which had been ongoing two Saturdays a month for many years (I think eight). This decision, while necessary, will cost us nearly \$4000 a year – a big hit to our general fund income. As the market was closed down, however, we were approached with a new possibility for a group to use Luther Hall weekly on Wednesday evenings.

This has been approved by the Council, but all the details are not yet finalized. We still have a little more work to do before it can begin. If it goes through as planned it will replace that lost income from the market and help significantly with our anticipated budget shortfall for 2018. When the new group gets going, I'll explain more about who they are and what they are all about. It is important for now to extend a huge thank you to Barbara and Suzanne and Pastor Hong for all those years of faithfully managing the Market. It took a lot of time and work to oversee this activity. But through their effort and the vendor's donations, we and also Church of Dream Builders had a steady and important extra revenue stream for many years. Finally, on a very positive note we want to welcome Fran Schwan to our congregation. Fran has been attending with us for several months and we made it official on January 7. Welcome Fran!

See you in church,
Pastor Steve

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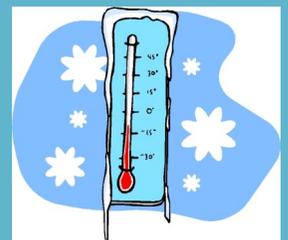
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LOG Child Care Center

I'm not sure what winter in So Cal really looks like year to year, but we are having fun this month learning about snow, and winter habitats. We are having a special "Frozen" movie day and experiencing some rainy days. In mid-January we are headed to the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific for a field trip. This is a favorite adventure for the kids and parents. It is what January brings to us each year. We had a wonderful Christmas season, with a great program to share with our parents and many of you. We are celebrating the new year, and making resolutions. Even young children can think about ways to be kind and get along better here and at home. We will be hosting a dinner out at Pep's Pizza right up the street at South and State College, on the 25th of January from 11:00am to 10:00pm. Grab a flyer off the bulletin board in the narthex, and help us, while enjoying a yummy dinner. We have welcomed three new preschoolers and 2 babies to the center. Our baby room is full at this time, but we have a few more openings in our pre-school. Share the news of this ministry with friends and let's see if we can be full soon. We are working on future events that will bring the school and church families together. Looking forward to that in 2018. Thanks for your support! Ms Lisa and all at LOGCC



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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM - English

11:00 AM - Korean



February 7, 2018, 6:30pm
Location To Be Determined
Book to be announced



Bruce Nelson 1/2
Andrea Mathews 1/15
Raedene Percifiled 1/21
Jeff Davis 1/29



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your
prayer
list

Jim B., Tony P., Pat Rausch, Pepe, Anastasia, Paula Ausmus Morre, Cameron, Linda Percifield, The Altura Family, Hays/Miller Family, Tony Bell, Maria B., Irene Murphy, Jesse Garcia, Freddie Peterson, Jim Blakely, Nikki, Jerry & Scot Anderson, Michiko Jordan, Asher Harris, Kevin Whitley, Christine Navarro, Arlene Walton, 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, Dan Jackson, Dolores, Vickie Trujillo, Judy Creech, Pat Cadwell, Jim Barker, Cheryl Lynn Gielow, Fran & Roy Onishi, Advent-Lane Bryant, Wanda Figueroa, Tony Nielson, Delanee Woods, Chuck Johnson, Kathy Ashby, 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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