



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."

It's been a while since we sent out a Lamb's Tale. So, hopefully this will catch things up a bit. We will hopefully publish again prior to Christmas, so this edition will take us through the Fall. A calendar update will be forthcoming for December around Thanksgiving time.

First, the past few months have been interesting. Over the summer we began a thoughtful exploration of what the legacy of this congregation might look like when the time comes that we can no longer afford to continue ministry on this property. As part of that exploration we've been considering the idea of re-purposing the property in some way – perhaps to provide some badly needed affordable housing for the Anaheim community. Both *Jamboree Housing Corporation* and *California Lutheran Homes (CLH)* have been our conversation partners during this time. That exploration is continuing this fall. The council is going to learn about a structured discernment process (that has been used to good effect by others) to help determine what might be done if we were to re-purpose the property. What would we want the outcome to be? The council will be given a presentation about how that process works on Thursday, November 1 at 5:30 pm. If you'd like to hear about it you are welcome to sit in on that meeting. Among the big questions that we will need to be addressed in any case will be what will become of our worshipping community and also the Childcare Center. Can we preserve one or both? Will we have to close the church or relocate it? I know these are questions on all our hearts these days. If we decide to do nothing and just let time take its course, then we will have little say about the final outcome. If, however, we want to have a say about what happens, then time is of the essence. Perhaps, if we think it appropriate, we'll get that discernment process started yet this Fall. Whether you attend the meeting or not please continue to pray for us to make wise and God-pleasing decisions as we prepare for the future.

One more thing about all this: It seems there is a rumor about that we are planning to close. That is not true. We will face that decision when and if it becomes necessary. But for now we continue to do our ministry well and seek to serve our neighbors in love with the strength we have left. And we still intend to promote our congregation and hopefully welcome new people into our continuing work. We are blessed to have some new folks among us and we look forward to others coming as well. We're not done yet. So, squelch that rumor if you hear it.

Secondly, I want to thank all who had served on the ministry team for the Wednesday Homeless Lunch Program. That ministry came to a close the end of September after twenty years. Many of you served on the team over those years. During that time we sought every Wednesday to give folks experiencing homelessness or poverty a place where they could be given a hot lunch, a time of rest, and be treated with human dignity. Your work blessed many over the years. I was blessed to have been a part of it for 12 years. We continue to pray for God to lead those who were our former guests to other places where they can find food and rest. With this change and the closing of the Santa Ana Riverbed last winter we have had our outreach to the needy significantly reduced. We still have the food pantry for those who need food. We also have our one-time per month food service at First Lutheran Church in Fullerton. The Wednesday ministry that defined us for many years in this neighborhood ended, but our ministry to those in need continues by other means. May God continue to bless these ways we are still able to reach out with the love of Christ and if other opportunities come along may God give us the ability to respond.

Finally, on a personal note it's been quite an exciting and often exhausting time for me and for Carrie since July when our Goldendoodle (Marian) had eight puppies. Despite being well-prepared in many ways (Carrie was very diligent), this was a new experience and it has been a boat-load of work in a house poorly designed for the challenge. I'm happy to report we got through the first three months not too worse for wear and five of our puppies now have new homes – including one that I took back to my daughter in Michigan. While it'll be fun to watch the remaining three grow up, it'll also be a real test of my wherewithal to keep up with them as they grow. It's a lot of dogs for a small house. So, when I talk about "the kids" you can probably assume I mean the dogs (no offence to Laura and Emily). Pray for this old man to manage it all with grace.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

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LOG Child Care Center

Not much change in the weather, but fall is here!! We have been looking forward to it, and now we are having a great time learning about it. We are making apples, pumpkins, leaves, rainy pictures, bats, cats and all things Halloween. What a fun holiday is coming in Halloween. We will have our traditional Halloween Costume Parade on the 31st in the parking lot. This year we are happy to add a Trunk of Treat event to this fun day. Parents have volunteered to decorate the trunks of their cars and pass out treats to the little ones who walk by. If you would like to join us, and decorate your car and pass out goodies, call the school office to reserve a spot. It promises to be a great morning full of excitement and fun!

We continue to welcome new students, a bunny (Turbo) and staff (Ms Tamy in the Baby Room) to our program, and say goodbye to Ms Maria who is leaving us to be a fulltime Grandma to her new granddaughter. God continues to bless us with warm and wonderful families and teachers, we are grateful.

We are also looking forward to our annual Christmas Program on December 14th. Yes, you are hearing Christmas songs as you pass by, never too early for us. Put it on your calendar and plan to join us that evening.

Our montly trips to the library, weekly chapels, Friday centers and daily lessons keep us learning and growing. LOGCCC is a great place to be! Thanks for your support, God Bless and Happy Fall.

Ms Lisa and all at LOGCCC



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Kari Haske	11/14
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Financial Report from Jan 1 thru Oct 19

Income \$92,599.74	Budget \$88,724.61
Expenses \$96,025.80	Budget \$94,592.37
Net Income \$-6025.80	Budget \$-5,867.76



Congratulations to: Mr. & Mrs. Chad Welday
 Raedene (*nee* Percifield) and Chad Welday were married on September 19th. May God bless their life together with his abundant love and may they always find joy in each other



Ervoes family, Smith family, Ted, Greg and Cindy Lopian, Michelle Devich, Jeanette Zieres, Paula Ausmus Moore, Ron Buesking, Shannon, Lou Flores, Amanda, Terri Robertson, Michael Schwan Jr., Jan Packard, Phil, Orva Sodman, Karen C., Betsy C., Linda Percifield, Raymond and Diane Granito, Tony P., Pepe, Anastasia, Cameron, The Altura Family, Hays/Miller Family, Tony Bell, Maria B., Freddie Peterson, Jim Blakely, Nikki, Jerry & Scot Anderson, Michiko Jordan, Christine Navarro, Arlene Walton, Bonnie Ausmus, Ms. Toni, John, Scott, Jason, Jon Sean, David, Carlos, Danny, Jose Trujillo, Jodi Sherman, Maggie, Anita Gomborg Stevie Fosnight, 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, AdventLane 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, 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)

