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New This Week

ONE MINUTE—WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Thoughts after El Paso, Dayton and Gilroy

A lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" So Jesus told a parable. "There was a man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho..." In this parable, Jesus tells about a beaten and robbed man who is left half-dead. The religious leaders of the day do nothing to help him. But there is one man, a Samaritan, who has compassion for the man and rescues him from his wounds. Pastor Rehrer shares thoughts and implications from this parable in light of El Paso, Dayton, and Gilroy mass shootings.

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THE FAITH WE SHARE: UNDERSTANDING THE APOSTLES' CREED

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach invites you to a Breakfast Bible Study on **Saturday, September 14** featuring Dr. Daniel van Voorhis. He will be speaking on the Creeds with emphasis on understanding the beloved Apostles' Creed. Breakfast starts at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall followed by the presentation at 9:00 am. RSVP to the Church office at 714-846-6330 or churchoffice@redeemer-lutheran.net.

BACH CONTATA VESPERS CONCERT

St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange invites you to join us for our first concert of the 2019-2020 season, Bach Cantata Vespers presented on **Sunday, September 15**, 7:00 pm. St. John's Cathedral Singers will be performing along with soloists and orchestra. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under age 5. For more information, please call 714-288-4431. For additional contact information you can visit our website at stjohnsorange.org/concerts.

AN EVENING OF COMEDY TO SUPPORT MISSION INDIA

Robert G. Lee is a seasoned comic who comes armed with a refreshingly clean, relatable act. Lee has been a Hollywood sitcom warm-up comic for almost two decades. He's worked for more than 1,000 episodes of such shows as "Just Shoot Me," "Becker," "The Drew Carey Show" and "The New Adventures of Old Christine." Whether delivering laughs nationwide on Sirius radio's Laughs USA, or writing punchlines for produce on "Veggie Tales," Robert's clever, slice-of-life observational material along with his impish and punchy storytelling style is always a guaranteed audience pleaser! Hephatha Lutheran Church, Anaheim invites you to join them on **Sunday, October 6**, 6:00—7:30 pm for an evening of comedy to support Mission India. Suggested Donation is \$10.00 per person. There will be a free-will offering for Robert G. Lee. Tickets are available at Hephatha in the Church Office or can be acquired online for an extra fee at Hephatha.net. For more information call 714-637-0887.

Pastors' Conference



REGISTRATION

Fall Pastors' Conference, is being held **September 22-25** at the Embassy Suites Phoenix/Tempe. Registration and information can be found on the [Pastors' Conference](#) site. The deadline to register for the conference is September 15!

SOLD OUT AT EMBASSY SUITES!

Our room block at the Embassy Suites is now FULL!

Rooms & rates are no longer guaranteed, but we are hoping to be able to offer additional rooms at another hotel close to the Embassy Suites, that will provide shuttle service between the two hotels. If you still need assistance in reserving a room, please email Kelly DeJongh (kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org) with the details of your stay - check in/out dates and type of room (King/Queen) by Sunday, September 15 and we will do our best to find you a room - Thank you!

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE TO EMBASSY SUITES

When you have arrived at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and have picked up any checked baggage please call the Hotel Main Line: 480-897-7444 for pick up instructions and location. To schedule a departure from the hotel back to the airport, please stop by the front desk to schedule your departure time. The hotel has shuttles that depart every hour, on the hour, for transportation to the airport.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DEACONS & PARISH MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Continuing Ed will be held on **September 21** at the same location as Pastors' Conference. Topic: Caring for Others, Caring for Self. Register for the Continuing Education Conference [here](#).

PHOTO DIRECTORY AT PASTORS' CONFERENCE

We want to take your picture for a District directory. Lifetouch will be at the conference and if you get your picture taken not only will you receive a free directory but a picture of yourself as well. What a deal! This will be a great tool for each of us to get know each other by face and name. Pictures will be taken Monday and Tuesday of the Conference. Watch for information on how to sign-up for a time slot.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT PASTORS' CONFERENCE

We are excited to share with you that, once again, arrangements have been made to offer golf at the PSD Fall Pastors' Conference! The tournament will be on **Tuesday, September 24** at Alta Mesa Golf Club in Mesa, AZ. It is a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$45 per person (plus tax) and you will pay for your golf at the course. The course is located at 1460 N. Alta Mesa Drive, Mesa, about 17 miles from the hotel. Unfortunately, this means it is too far for the hotel to provide transportation so, at this time, transportation is NOT included. However, we are working to provide some type of ride-share option. Golfers: when you check in for the conference, please also check in for the tournament with Kelly DeJongh or Kimberly Meeks (at the registration table) to receive any and all golf updates! Please click [here](#) to sign up for the tournament - the deadline to register is Friday, September 20!

INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION

Presented by Rev. Dr. Richard Paul and Rev. Peter Alexander at Fall Pastors' Conference on **Monday, September 23** during lunch, you will be offered: description of Intentional Interim Ministry; current training requirements and opportunities; career path vision for both pre-retirement and post-retirement pastors; likelihood of a West Coast training session; new Concordia Plans options for credentialed interims to provide for possible employment gaps; how to stay connected for news and developments in this growing ministry in the LCMS. Please click [here](#) to preregister.

This Weekend!

DEFENDING LIFE CONFERENCE

The Southern California Defending Life Conference is a 2-day conference on **September 6-7**. For this conference, we are bringing together some of the people who are at the forefront of the fight for human life. The conference will be held at Pacific Lutheran High School, Gardena. Space is limited to 400 participants. For more information, contact Rev. Al Espinosa at 949-379-0883 or at revdrespinosa@gmail.com. The conference is free — [Register today!](#)

FEAR NOT! A LITURGY FOR ANXIOUS TIMES

A new liturgy for churches in the LCMS. A contemplative service of prayer, silence, Scripture, and song. This new liturgy includes an original hymn and several new antiphons. Please join us for the West Coast debut of Fear Not! A liturgy for anxious times at Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach on **Sunday, September 8, 6:30 pm**.

Previously Posted

FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION OF THE BORLAND-MANSKE CENTER AT CUI

Please join in praising God for the blessing of the new Borland-Manske Center featuring the Christ College Wing and the Music Wing on **Saturday, October 5**. Activities include a Festival of Hymns at 2:00 pm in the CU Center, the rite of Dedication outside on the patio at 3:30 pm and an Open House of the new facility from 4:00-6:00 pm. Meet professors and students in the Christ College wing and hear musical recitals in the beautiful performance halls and practice rooms in the Music wing. Go to cui.edu/BMC for more details. For additional information, contact Grace Saldana at 949-214-3185 or grace.saldana@cui.edu.

LATINA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT CONCORDIA IRVINE

Concordia University Irvine (CUI) will be hosting its fourth annual Latina Leadership Conference on **Saturday, October 26**. Designed to inspire Latina students from local high schools and community colleges--along with one parent--to navigate the road the college, the free half-day conference inspires attendees to explore pathways to college, and how to navigate that road. Successful first-generation Hispanic professionals will share their journeys, while students can choose from breakout sessions featuring Concordia's top majors and how these first-gen role models did college and today apply their degrees. A campus tour, lunch, and an Information Fair--that includes CUI majors as well as community colleges--wraps up the day. We regret that we cannot accept walk-ins the day of; registration is required and is now live at cui.edu/latinas. Space is limited.

SPANISH INTERPRETERS NEEDED

If you speak Spanish fluently and would like to minister to Hispanic families, Concordia University Irvine (CUI) needs you. Each interpreter serves about six audience members. We also need interpreters at registration tables, and to help with campus directions. The conference runs from 8:00 am-1:30 pm and volunteers are welcome to stay for a free lunch in the cafeteria. If your church would like to send interpreters, contact Lupe.Valdivia@cui.edu today to reserve your spots. Thank you for your consideration and for partnering with Concordia Irvine to serve these families.

IT TAKES ALL KINDS: REACHING OUT IN DYNAMIC TIMES

75th Southern California Lutheran Laymen's League Conference

Pacific Southwest District President Mike Gibson and other presenters will equip you to better share the Gospel message within the diverse communities of today in which our churches are located. It takes all kinds of churches and witnesses...to reach all kinds of people. The purpose of this one-day conference is to encourage and equip participants to step readily into today's outreach challenges, learn how to better share their faith, and prayerfully open their eyes to discover their own culture-crossing opportunities to proclaim Jesus to the world. This conference will be a blessing to all who have a desire to share the love of Jesus within their communities--especially for congregations where the mix of faces in the community are different than the mix of faces in church. Reaching out to people different than we are is vital both to the spread of the Gospel and to the health of our congregations. Register today for this free event being held on **Saturday, November 2** the campus of Concordia University, Irvine.

ANCHORED IN JESUS

The 2020 Lutheran Hour Ministries Tournament of Roses Parade float *Anchored in Jesus*, our first ever underwater scene, will provide the opportunity to proclaim Jesus Our Hope. Depicted on the float are Angel Fish, Chalice Coral, and Crown of Thorns Starfish. **Float riders will be led by Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson (PSD LCMS District President) and his wife Kathy.**

Joining them will be Deaconess Noemi Guerra and her father, Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala, who host LHM's Sentido Latino. The float is a self-funded project of the Southern California District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. Click [here](#) to donate or mail your gift to: Lutheran Hour Float Committee, PO Box 20044, Riverside, CA 92516-0044.



TIME TO SIGN-UP TO DECORATE ROSE PARADE FLOATS

The 2020 Lutheran Hour Ministries Tournament of Rose Parade Float, titled *Anchored in Jesus* fits perfectly under the parade theme of The Power of Hope. Just as an anchor secures a mighty vessel, saving faith in Jesus Christ provides security during all seasons of life - not only for this life on earth, but for eternity. The only Christian float in parade, the LHM float is decorated by as many as 5,000 Petal Pushers® volunteers from across North America. Please go to petalpushers.org/reg and sign up to decorate.

Contact Us

Subscribe to eNews: Keep up-to-date on happenings in the Pacific Southwest District as well as resources for congregations; installations and ordinations; and prayer requests.

Send an email to psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the words "subscribe" in the subject line.

Job Site: Access information on jobs available in PSD congregations and schools. The Job Site can be accessed on the PSD [website](#). Subscribe to bi-weekly email notification by sending an email to psdenews@psd-lcms.org noting "Job Site subscription" in the subject line.

Submit News, Information & Job Postings: Email psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the 'who, what, when, where, and why' of the news item or job posting. Items must be received by 2:00 pm Wednesday.

The Pacific Southwest District will NOT sell, give or otherwise transmit your email address for any reason other than its intended purpose.

Prayer & Praise

Prayer & Praise also includes information on Installations, Ordinations, Retirements & Anniversaries

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org

Prayer Requests

Owen, newborn grandson of Pastor Bill Carney (Christ, Coolidge), was born 5 weeks early and with the same disease that his oldest sister, Evelyn, died from last year, at the age of 3 1/2, Krabbe Leukodystrophy. He had a stem cell transplant, the youngest person ever to receive one, and was hit with 2 MRSA staph infections that damaged his kidneys and liver. His kidneys are working again and his liver is healing slowly. Prayers for continued healing and that his liver responds to treatments; prayers for Heather and Vince (Mom and Dad); and prayers for Donna (Grandma) for safe travel and while she is attending to Owen.

Hurricane Dorian from the Southeastern District: So many people praying for the continued downsizing and turning eastward of this Hurricane. We know that in some areas - such as Myrtle Beach, schools are closed and throughout the South Carolina and North Carolina Coastline, communities have evacuated and people are waiting for news. We remember all those in the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, and the Southeastern District who are caught in the winds and rain of this storm and we continue to call upon God to show his mercy and presence in the midst of such disaster. Remembering Grace Lutheran, Summerville, SC who is serving as a shelter in the storm for a local institution.

Family of Bob Lichtsinn, who was Called to Glory on Friday, August 16. There will be a memorial service held on Saturday, September 14, 1:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange. A reception will be held following the service in the Great Room of Walker Hall. Please keep Bob's wife, Marla, who served as Parish Nurse for the PSD for many years, and family in your prayers.

Installation

Rev. Thomas Daly will be Installed at **Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City, AZ** on **Sunday, September 22, 3:00 pm**. Dinner served following service. Participating pastors are asked to wear red stoles and stay for pictures. Please RSVP to Vicki Williams at 623-933-8246 no later than September 9.

Continued Prayers

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues

Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer

Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

Rev. Alfonso Conrado - dementia, paralysis and diabetes

Rev. Dave Gruenhagen - fighting cancer

David Hendry – suffering from dementia

Kim Ingwersen - battling ALS, recovering from injury

Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease and cancer

Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer

Marla Lichtsinn - fighting cancer

Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer

Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes

Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine

Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller - treatment for a brain tumor

Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer

Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer