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Weekly Word • Luke 22:19

New This Week

THIS IS THE WEEK THAT CHANGED EVERYTHINGS!

Easter Devotion from President Gibson

From the moment of sin's brokenness, God's plan to redeem and restore it was in play.

I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15)

The line was drawn. An ultimate battle would be waged by the Creator for the souls of His creation.

[Read Full Devotion](#)



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Lutheran Church of the Master, Phoenix will hold its annual Easter sunrise service at the Turf Paradise Racetrack at 6:00 am on **Sunday, April 21**. This will be the 57th occurrence of the service with the race-track sunrise as the setting. All are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY @ CUI

Concordia University Irvine's Christ College, the school of theology and church vocations, invites you to their annual Celebration of Ministry on **Sunday, April 28** at 6:30 pm in the CU Center. This service recognizes Concordia's students and alumni who are in transitional points in their ministry preparation: those receiving first calls, internships, vicarages, student teaching assignments, and those continuing in their vocations as students. Students who will be graduating this spring will also be presented with medallions that are worn at graduation. All are welcome to thank God for raising up servants for his church. If you are not able to attend the event will be [livestreamed](#).

ADULT SINGLES MINISTRY

St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange is delighted to introduce its new Adult Singles Ministry, Single in Christ. Come join other St. John's singles for our Kick-Off Event, Single Fest Game Night, for games, music, fellowship, food and fun on **Saturday, May 11**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at St. John's Dining Hall. Childcare available. RSVP to Terri at milwaheim@gmail.com.

Previously Posted

SHARE YOUR STORY

Is there something exciting happening in your congregation or school? Let us know so we can celebrate with you! Does your church or pastor have a blog, vlog, or do you live stream your services? Let us know so we can help drive engagement! Visit the [Around the PSD](#) page on our website to hear some group stories. You can submit your story from this page. Please Note: This is not an events page. If your church is having an event you would like to share, information should be sent to psdenews@psd-lcms.org.



HOPE LA - LOVE RISES

The first story to be shared on the Around the PSD page is about Hope LA (formerly Hope Memorial), a replant of an historically black church in the heart of Los Angeles. It faces Jefferson Blvd., which was at one time designated an Arts District in the city because of the many craftspeople who worked in studios in the area. The creative spirit of the community has been hidden for many years but today, as the demographics shift and the young creative sector seeks more affordable housing inland, West Adams is beginning to rediscover its artistic roots. HOPE L.A., a tiny, diverse gathering now in its fourth year as a replant, is perfectly situated to welcome them in the name of Jesus. [Read full article and watch video.](#)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Join us for Holy Week and Easter services at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Orange.

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14: 8:00 am and 10:45 am worship services

Maundy Thursday, April 18: At 6:00 pm dinner will be served in Immanuel's Parish Hall, followed by our 7:00 pm worship service at which the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Near the end of the service, in preparation for Good Friday, the altar will be stripped bare as Jesus was stripped by his captors (both of his clothing and his honor) and abandoned by his disciples.

Good Friday, April 19: 7:00 pm service of Tenebrae with special music and Strepitus. The word Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows." The story of Christ's Passion impresses upon us, the gravity of our sins and the shadows of betrayal, abandonment, and agony surrounding Jesus' Crucifixion. Candles are extinguished one by one, reducing the light throughout the Service. By the end of the Service, the sounds of the Strepitus will fill the church. The loud noise symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Mt 27:51) at Jesus' death and foreshadows the violent earthquake (Mt 28:2) at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.

Easter Sunday, April 21: 8:00 am and 10:45 am festival services. After the 8:00 am service, Easter breakfast will be served in Immanuel's Parish Hall. Come celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the power of God to raise us also to new life, new hope, and new joy.

WRAP - WOMEN READY AND PREPARED

All Arizona zones, societies, pastors, and church leaders are encourage to join us for an LWML training event being held on **Saturday, April 27**, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix. This event was designed by the National LWML and presented to all the LWML District leaders. Now our District President and leaders are coming to Phoenix to present the training to us! **Register by April 18** with Nancy Heredia at nlhnlh4C@yahoo.com. Lunch will be \$15.00 at the door. Breakout session include: Sharing Active Leadership Techniques; Engage and Retain Volunteers; Reaching Different Cultures and Generation; plus a special breakout session just for pastors. Get ready to be prepared and enthused!

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY GALA OF STARS

On **Saturday, April 27**, Concordia University Irvine will host their annual Gala of Stars to benefit the student scholarship fund. The evening on the Concordia campus includes a silent and live auction, gourmet dinner and a student musical finale. This year's Servant Leadership Award will be presented to Craig Olson. Go to cui.edu/gala for additional details and to register. The students join in saying "thank you" for your prayers and support. Questions? LaVeda Carter at 949-214-3183.

S.I.S.T.E.R.S. IN CHRIST EVENT

Ladies, you are invited to an evening with Jana Alayra on **Tuesday, April 30**, 7:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, Brea. Join us as Jana will share her inspiring testimony of hope and joy. Please invite a friend or two, or three ... who need to hear this encouraging message and be touched by the love of God and to spend time with S.I.S.T.E.R.S. in Christ. All ladies (ages 18-110) are invited to attend this special evening of friendship, fellowship and encouragement. This event is FREE to attend. FREE childcare will be available. Please RSVP by Monday, April 22 by clicking [here](#) or by calling Susan Ilten at 714-394-8735.

CATECHISM CONVOCATION

Servants of the Word presents the 12th Annual Southern California Catechism Convocation. This year's theme is Teaching and Practice of The Lord's Prayer with keynote speakers Rev. Peter Bender of Concordia Catechetical Academy and Peace Sussex. The Convocation will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, San Diego on **Saturday, May 4**, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Go to catechismconvocation.org for more information.

WALK FOR LIFE SOUTH BAY

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westchester invites you to join them for the Walk for Life, South Bay on **Saturday, May 18**, at 8:30 am at Veterans Park, Redondo Beach. Sign up [online](#) Team Name: Regeneration or call Beverly Charsha at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 310-215-3166.

2019 KALEIDOSCOPE FUND GRANTS

In its third year, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is proud to announce the **2019 Kaleidoscope Fund grant process opened April 1 with a proposal submission deadline of May 31**. The committee will then select ministries from these proposals to apply for a grant. Funds will be granted in amounts between \$15,000 and \$75,000. This year, LCEF is narrowing the focus of impact for the grant to Lutheran elementary education. Lutheran schools play a critical role in impacting the community through Christian education. Kaleidoscope grants for 2019 are open to Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) K-8 elementary schools. *Please note: Schools that are RSOs are not eligible. LCEF Articles of Incorporation and Synod Bylaws prohibit LCEF from distributing net operating results to Auxiliaries, RSOs, seminaries, colleges or universities of Synod.* Visit lcef.org/kaleidoscope to learn more and to submit your proposal.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

The Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS and the Southwest CA Synod and Pacific Synod of the ELCA present Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium on **Saturday, June 22**, 4:15 pm as the LA Dodgers take on the Colorado Rockies. This year we will join thousands of faith based organization for Dodgers Christian Faith Day including pre-game, on-field recognition and post-game player event. A portion of proceeds from tickets purchased through our [ticket link](#) will benefit the ongoing programs and projects of Lutheran Social Services of Southern California. Tickets must be purchased by June 1 to ensure discounted pricing and reserved seating selection. For more information contact Daniella Baltazar at 323-224-1594 or at dbaltazar@ladodgers.com.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Retired? Empty-nesters? Balancing children and work schedules? Enjoyed a Marriage Encounter weekend years ago? Take time out this spring to enjoy your spouse without distractions. Refresh, re-energize, and reconnect at this beautiful destination, only a quick flight away! Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend will be held in **May 31 - June 2** in Mesa, Arizona. For info and registration go to godlovesmarriage.org. For questions contact Ted & Marty Hartman at tnmheart@gmail.com or 530-333-4628.

Pastor Led Tours

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS

Walk the footsteps of Jesus in the land of Abraham. Join Pastor Paul Frank of Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mesa for a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands, **October 3-14, 2019**. Cost from Phoenix is \$3,695. [Click here](#) for a full itinerary and registration website.

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Pastor Steven Borst is leading a tour of Germany including the Passion Play in Oberammergau, **June 30-July 11, 2020**. A tour video, brochure, registration and other information can be found at his [website](#). It's a fantastic tour at a great price — we hope you can join us!

SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE TOUR

Join Pastor Mark Friedrich of Mountain View Lutheran Church, Apache Junction for a Splendors of Eastern Europe Tour - 11 days, **August 10-20, 2020!** Cost from Phoenix is \$4,349, including first class hotels, most meals, and admission ticket to see the Passion Play of Oberammergau. For information contact JoAnn Kelm at joannkalmaz@gmail.com or at 480-982-8266.

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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.

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Prayer & Praise

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

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

Ordination & Installation

Alex Zavala and Michael Grobelch have answered the call of the saints of Peace Lutheran Church, Pico Rivera and will be ordained and installed on **Sunday, May 5**, at 3:00 pm. In addition, Michael Grobelch will also be installed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Long Beach at the same service. Clergy are invited to wear their red stoles. Both Alex and Michael served as Deacons and completed the SMP program to be ordained.

Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to **Grace Lutheran Church, Escondido** to celebrate their 100th Anniversary and Family Reunion on **Sunday, May 19** at 10:00 am with lunch following. Special Guest, PSD President, Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson. Please RSVP [here](#). For questions please call at 760-745-0831, ext. 7114 or email Grace100@gracelcms.net.

Continued Prayers

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues
Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer
Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues
David Hendry – suffering from dementia
Rev. Nathan Huse - recovering from hip surgery
Kim Ingwersen - battling ALS, recovering from injury
Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease and cancer
Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer
Bob & Marla Lichtsinn - both battling cancer
Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer
Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes
Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine
Rev. Claire Skov - recovering from heart surgery
Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer
Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer
Karina von Hindenburg - fighting breast cancer

