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New This Week

PASTORDAY 2018

PastorDay, **Friday, November 9** at Concordia is a chance for the university to thank those who serve as pastor to our students, as pastors in our community, and as pastors in our LCMS District - actually ALL CHURCH LEADERS who would like to spend the day with our students. In addition to celebrating them in our chapel service that day, we will also make sure that they eat well and get a PastorDay memento to take home. In the spirit of servant leadership we will also offer the pastors in attendance an opportunity to serve the students, faculty and staff of Concordia. To register, email Amy Bramson amy.bramson@cui.edu.

A FOND FAREWELL TO PASTOR TOM ROGERS

After serving our congregation tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion for over 28 years, our beloved Pastor Tom Rogers is retiring. He has planted seeds of hope and love in our lives and truly made a difference here at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest. We invite everyone to join us for a celebration service **Sunday, October 21** at 10 :00 am.

PRISON MINISTRY: Captive Souls Mercy for All

Arthur Stevens, PSD Coordinator for Prison Ministry, aj.stevens@att.net

The LCMS is building a network of all those that are involved or would like to be in prison ministry. Our PSD Coordinator is working with the State of California and our District to place men and women that have a heart for this kind of ministry in active penal institutions in Southern California. If you are currently visiting a state or federal institution or county/ city jails or camps, we would like to know about it. If you would like to become involved in this ministry please click [here](#) and scroll down to Prison Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity for Deacons, Deaconess, lay people, retired ministers or anyone else that wants to share the Gospel with men and women that are hungry for the Word.

HEALTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Lessons From the Blue Zones

Ron Herman, Parish Nurse, ron.herman@psd-lcms.org

Blue Zones are geographic areas in the world which have a greater than average number of people who live into their 100's. The life style habits of people in these zones are surprisingly similar. This month's article summarizes the traits of these people and is the foundation for our upcoming convocations. For more information on Blue Zones, click [here](#). For additional information beyond this article visit bluezones.com.

CONVOCATION NEWS: We are happy to announce our third annual health ministry convocations. They will be held on November 3 in Irvine, CA and November 10 in Peoria, AZ. All interested parties are invited. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Previously Posted

40-MONTH NOTE AT 4%

Over the last 40 years, our investors have made it possible for Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to support the work of tens of thousands of LCMS individuals and ministries through loans and ministry support services. When you invest with LCEF, you'll join over 60,000 investors who have discovered the joy of helping and supporting ministry work. To meet the future loan demand and help support growing ministry opportunities, we need to raise an additional \$100 million. Which is why we invite you to a special, limited-time investment opportunity: our 40-month 40th anniversary note at 4%. Visit lcef.org/40month or call 800-843-5233 to learn more.

DONNE DI CANTO & MEN'S CHORUS FALL CONCERT

This concert entitled "Journeys" will be held on **Saturday, October 20** at 7:30 pm in Concordia University Irvine's CU Center. The choirs explore stories of life and faith journeys through music and text.

500+ CELEBRATION

Circuit 6, Los Angeles, is pleased to invite you to celebrate the 501st Anniversary of the Reformation with us at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Historic West Adams District of Los Angeles. This will be a 2-day event beginning on **Saturday, October 20** from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm with a special seminar led by LINC Los Angeles titled, "The Re-Formed YOU- Identity, Discipleship and Vocation; Service in Church and Community." The workshop will focus on our true identity in Christ as we explore the DNA model of discipleship applied to our Church and community, all within the dynamic of Christian vocation. Doors open at 8:30 am for registration and a continental breakfast and lunch will be served. **Sunday, October 21** from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, we will meet for a joint Worship Service with an inspirational message and wonderful music all celebrating the continued reforming work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and communities. This will be followed by a delicious meal with entertainment and fellowship. Make a point to meet Dr. Martin Luther and his wife Katie and get a "selfie" with them as well. All is provided free of charge, courtesy of the churches in Circuit 6. This promises to be an edifying and enjoyable event for all who choose to participate. Please join us! For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Rev. Dr. S.T. Williams Jr. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church 323-731-8384 or at Pastorwilliamsjr@gmail.com.

DR. JOHN WARWICK MONTGOMERY APOLOGETICS SERIES

Dr. Montgomery will be teaching a six-part course based on his recent book, *Always Be Ready: A Primer on Defending the Christian Faith* at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Anaheim. The format will be two 45-minute lectures per night, over three (3) Wednesday nights **October 24, 31 and November 7**. Each evening will run for approximately 2 hours, beginning at 7:00 pm. RSVP to the church at 714-774-0993. This is a free event and all are invited.

NOW IS THE TIME ... BECOME A TEACHER

Step into your calling with confidence. Supply of new teachers is at a 12-year low. Increased demand for K-12 teachers in California. Start your program in Spring 2019. join us for Concordia University Irvine's Teacher Credential Program Information Night on **Thursday, October 25**, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Concordia University Irvine, Grimm Hall Conference Room, 3rd Floor. Find out about the admission process, the programs, and possibilities for your career. Meet current student teachers and newly employed program grads. Learn about financial aid options. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and beverages. Parking is free and there is no cost to attend this informative event. RSVP [here](#). We look forward to meeting you!

BERNSTEIN AT 100

On **Friday, October 26** at 7:30 pm in the CU Center, Concordia joins thousands of organizations in the world-wide celebration of the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, the composer, conductor, educator, musician, cultural ambassador, and humanitarian. Purchase tickets [here](#).

WALK TO FIGHT POVERTY

Hephatha Lutheran Church, Anaheim invites you to join us to assist the hungry, homeless, unemployed, elderly, children, and single parents who will benefit from the Orange County Walk-A-Thon proceeds. Lutheran Social Services is hosting its annual Walk-A-Thon on **Saturday, October 27** at Yorba Regional Park in the city of Anaheim. Registration is 8:30 a.m. and the start time is 9:00 a.m. The park is located at 7600 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim. To learn more or to register, please contact Maxine at 714-534-6450.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Looking for a unique gift or just like to shop? Then head over to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange on **Saturday, November 3** for their holiday boutique. There will be over 50 vendors to shop from. Don't miss out on the huge raffle featuring items donated from your favorite vendors. Enjoy lunch as you shop! The boutique will be held in the St. Paul's Church gym. Free admission.

CONCORDIA'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S BRUNCH AND BOUTIQUE

Register today for this special event on **Saturday, November 3**, at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa. The boutique opens at 9:00 am and features crafts, jewelry, Christmas items, home decor, and much more, followed by a delicious brunch, fabulous prizes; and speaker Jana Alayra. All proceeds of this event go to the Concordia Fund for student scholarships. Go to cui.edu/faithandfriendship to purchase your ticket. Questions? Grace.Saldana@cui.edu or 949-214-3185.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Seasonal and Holiday shopping with our fabulous local Makers and Direct Sales Reps! Bring your camera and take a Photo with Santa! Free admission and only \$5 for Breakfast with Santa. Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church, Whittier on **Saturday, November 3** from 8:00 am to noon. Don't miss out on the raffle featuring items donated from your favorite vendors. Enjoy breakfast and shop! Free admission. See you there!

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHOIR

On **Sunday, November 4**, Christ Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes will be honored to host the Men's Chorus from Concordia University Irvine. They will join us for worship and provide some of the music. The Concordia Men's Chorus is an energized group of men who love to sing and perform distinctive music for men's voices. For more information call 310-831-0848.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS ... LIGHT!

Concordia's Christmas Concerts will be held on **Saturday, December 1**, 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm, at the Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. Featuring: Concordia Choir, Concordia Sinfonietta, Concordia Master Chorale, Donne di Canto, Men's Chorus, Concert Handbells, Spirit Bells, Concordia Wind Orchestra. With this Christmas season, Concordia celebrates Jesus Christ as the Light of the World, the light no darkness can overcome. True Light dawned on the day of Jesus' birth and even now the glory of God shines upon our hearts. Light and life to all He brings! Purchase tickets [here](#).

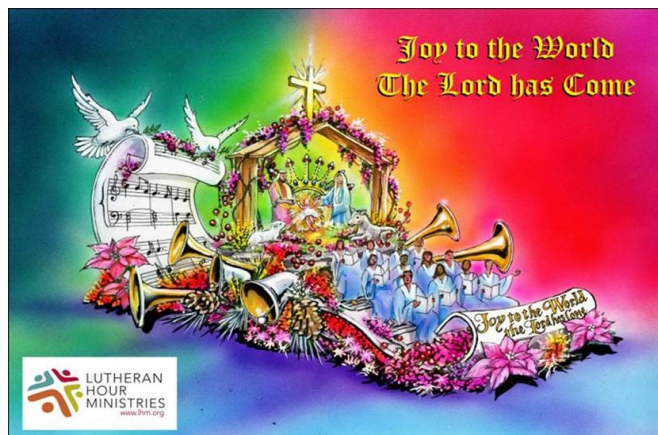
Rose Parade News

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES 2019 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

VOLUNTEER TO DECORATE

Joy to the World the Lord has Come is the theme of the 2019 LHM Tournament of Roses Parade Float. Want to help decorate next year's float? Mark your calendars for August and visit the LHM Petal Pushers' [website](#).

Everyone 13 and older is WELCOME!



COLORING CONTEST

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee is sponsoring our 9th annual Coloring Contest. You have the permission of the LHMFC to make copies of the [coloring page](#) and use it for school, Sunday School or individuals. Questions, contact Dick Gast at chairman@petalpushers.org. Please send and completed entries to: Lutheran Hour Float Committee, PO Box 20044, River side, CA 92516. The Coloring Contest is open to all students Preschool through 8th grade. Entries must be postmarked by November 1, 2018.

OUTREACH BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Again this year, Petal Pusher® Outreach Booth volunteers will distribute materials and share the meaning of Joy to the World, the Lord is Come! - the title of our 2019 Lutheran Hour Ministries Rose Parade float. As opportunity presents itself, they will discuss how: this hymn proclaims the greatest of life's melodies; in the birth of Jesus prominently portrayed in the center of the float, we meet the Promised One of God; the coming of Christ marks the great step of fulfillment leading to His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection for our salvation. It will be possible to do this in areas where: decorating is taking place; floats are staged on the morning of the parade; floats are viewed by the public after the parade. Please go to share.petalpushers.org/ and sign up now for the times you'll be able to serve.

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

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

Prayer Requests

Deacon Stuart Craig is seriously ill and hospitalized after a heart valve transplant.

Family of Rev. Scott Lawson, who passed away on Wednesday, October 10 from a very aggressive form of cancer. Pastor Lawson served congregation in California, most recently having served at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Menifee. Please keep his wife Jenny, and their children Andrew and Mary in your prayers. Services are pending.

Family of Rev. Herbert Geisler, Sr., who peacefully went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 19. He was 101 years old. We thank God for his many years of faithful service as teacher, pastor, veteran, husband, and father. He was preceded into glory by his wife, Gladys, in 2014. Please remember his son, Dr. Herbert Geisler, Jr., (professor emeritus of music, Concordia University Irvine) and daughter-in-law, Kiu Geisler (library manager, CUI), in your prayers. Interment will be at Riverside National Cemetery, Wednesday October 31 at 1:00 pm (Section 52B, Site 388). A service of thanksgiving and reception with light lunch will be Saturday, November 3, 11:00 am at Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Irvine. In lieu of flowers we encourage memorial gifts to be sent to any of the following: > Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Global Mission ; Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod World Relief; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN; church work scholarship program at Concordia University, Chicago, IL or Concordia University Irvine, CA; a mission or mercy ministry at your home congregation.

Ordinations & Installations

Vicar Gabriel Ochoa will be Ordained and Installed as Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church, San Diego, on **Sunday November 4**, 3:00 pm. District President Rev. Dr. Michael Gibson will officiate the ordination and installation. Clergy please arrive early and bring red stoles for service. There will a celebration following the service. For more information contact PeaceLutheranChurchSD@gmail.com.

Continued Prayers

We pray for all congregations and schools currently in the calling process.

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues

Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer

Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

Rev. Roy Gesch – macular degeneration and dementia

David Hendry – suffering from dementia

Kim Ingwersen - battling ALS

Rev. Paul Jacobs - recovering from surgery

Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease and cancer

Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer

Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer

Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes

Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine

Phillip Taylor - fighting cancer

Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer

Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer

Karina von Hindenburg - fighting breast cancer