

HOLY WEEK



April 17, Palm Sunday, (7:55, 9:25 & 11:00 AM services)

Celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in word and song as presented by LCPC's Chancel Choir & Orchestra and Children's Choirs and sermon by Pastor Gary Dennis. The celebration continues at the 11:00 service hour with contemporary praise music in the Worship Arts Center.

April 17, (4PM) Mozart Coronation Concert

Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – a quasi coronation setting. What better way to celebrate this remarkably historic event than with Mozart's "Coronation Mass" in C Major? This Ovation event is designed to help us celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week with the great music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

April 21, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, (7 PM)

Commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ as he shared with the Apostles the meal of the new covenant. LCPC Choir and soloists will assist Dr. Gary Dennis as he calls us to remember the meaning of Jesus' life. Service concludes with the traditional walk to the cross and silent departure.

April 22, "Were You There?" A Drama of the Crucifixion (7:30 PM)

A drama of the crucifixion by Drama Ministry and Chancel Choir.

April 24, Easter Sunrise Service, (6:00 AM)

Worship, celebrate and participate in communion in this outdoor service led by the Youth Ministry Team. A sound system is used so that everyone can hear. Bring a blanket to sit on; dress casually. Meet on the hill behind Descanso Gardens (Forest Hill Dr.). Follow the signs up the trail for a short hike to the worship site. Visit www.lacanadapc.org for a map, or call Amy at (818) 790-6708, X209 for information.

April 24, Easter Sunday Services (7:55, 9:25 & 11:00 AM)

Rejoice in the climax of the Christian year as we bring a celebratory experience of the resurrection to each of our three worship services. All three worship services will be identical and all will be held in our Sanctuary. *Family-friendly* overflow space will be available in our Fellowship Hall with goodies and beverages for all.

Bring a flower or two from your garden to decorate the cross on the patio on Easter Sunday! ☞

Getting Ready for Faith Missions 2011

Megan Katerjian, Faith Missions Coordinator

Faith Missions: Giving and Going. Experience the joy of doing what God really wants us to do.



Showing God's love to the least, the lost, and the lonely is more important than ever during these difficult economic times. Not just in words or with dollars. Those are great and are desperately needed. What we really wish we could do more of is to show God's love through our *actions*.

Once a year, we make a concerted effort as a whole congregation to get out of our everyday path and serve the least, the lost, and the lonely. We call it Faith Missions: Giving and Going. Faith Missions 2011-2012 will kick off with two special Sundays, May 8th and May 15th. Everything from the preachers and music, to your patio experience, to a breakfast with outreach partners are designed to help you find a way to Give and Go for God's purposes locally and around the world.

Where will you give and go this year? Now is the time to plan how you and your family or small group will join in. Donate clothing for someone's job interview. Serve food to the homeless. See a film about the Haitian earthquake. Learn how to be Christ's person in your community and at work. These are just some of the opportunities.

Many LCPC Ministry partners will be on our patio with opportunities for us to Go Local and Go Global on journeys of spiritual growth and service with the poor. Choose one Go Journey and go for it! You will be hearing more about these opportunities in the months to come so that you can be ready to make the commitment by our special Sundays May 8th and May 15th. ☞



From Where I Sit . . .

Pastor Gary Dennis

“He is risen! He is risen, indeed!” As you think about Easter and our celebration of Christ’s resurrection, the defining phrase for this year is “they are all alike.” Say it one time, “they are all alike,” just to imprint the idea on your mind. All three worship services at the church on Easter will be identical and take place in the Sanctuary. Growing Families will once again be hosting “family-friendly” services in Fellowship Hall with goodies for families with young children. Some who attended last year said they got a better view of the services through the camera set-up we had in Fellowship Hall!

Another defining phrase for Easter morning is “while 11 is better, 7:55 is best,” which we hope will encourage you to worship at either the first or the third worship hours, leaving 9:25 for our visitors. If you can make that change in your worship habits, it will allow us to maximize our worship services for the greatest number of people.

As always, there will be a fourth worship service, sunrise worship, on the top of the hill above Descanso Gardens. It’s a hike to get there, but once there you will discover that it was well worth the effort. Our youth lead this hour of worship. Go to our website (www.lacanadapc.org) to download a map to the site.

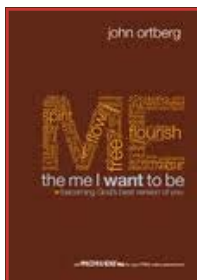
As a way of strengthening the traditional format of the 7:55 worship, we want to regularly say one of the creeds and have a pastoral prayer at that first worship service. Our prayer is that the three different expressions of our worship services emphasize our congregation’s value about being “Generations United in Christ.” I like to think about LCPC as “generations united in Christ” that are attempting to “be Christ’s people in the world.” It’s a dynamic combination.

And remember, “He is risen! He is risen, indeed!”

It continues to be a privilege to be your pastor,

Gary ☞

The Next Preaching Series



Beginning May 29, and for the next three months, we will work with John Ortberg’s marvelous book, *The Me I Want to Be – Becoming God’s Best Version of You*.

Gary Dennis states: “Our hope for redemption stands at the center of faith. Redemption is beginning again. It is newness. It is creation.”

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,

everything has become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

When we reflect on the newness that God intends for us, we must remember that it is a redemption not an exchange. God does not want to turn you into someone you aren’t. Instead, the change the

Holy Spirit envisions allows you to become more fully you. John Ortberg in this book calls it “flourishing.” I love how he describes it,

Here is the good news: When you flourish, you become more you. You become more that person God had in mind when he thought you up. You don’t just become holier. You become you-ier. You will change. God wants you to become a new creation. But “new” doesn’t mean completely different; instead, it’s like an old piece of furniture that gets restored to its intended beauty (Ortberg, p. 16).

“This series is an invitation to flourish. Enjoy the adventure.” ☞

“The Welcome Tour”

Did you know that every first Sunday of every month we have a “Welcome Tour”? This is an introduction to the congregation and a tour of our campus. If you know someone who (or if you yourself) would like a tour of our campus, just join us on the upper patio under the blue awning at 10:30 AM on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please call the church office at (818) 790-6708, x215. ☞

Friday Forums – APR 8

“Mormonism and Traditional Christianity: A Report on an Ongoing Dialogue”

Join us for a special night with Fuller Theological Seminary President, Dr. Richard Mouw, as he presents another contemporary issue at Friday Forums on Friday, April 8, 7-9PM in the Worship Arts Center.

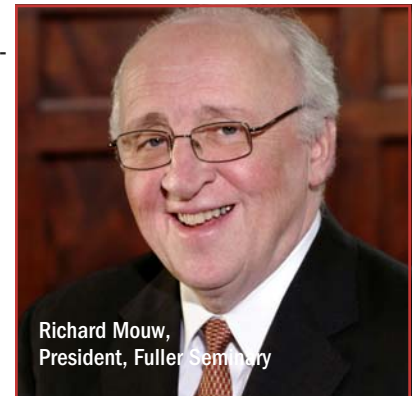
Dr. Mouw states, “From its humble beginnings in the early decades of the 19th Century, Mormonism has become in modern times

one of the fastest growing religious movements in the world. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints presently claims 15 million adherents around the world.”

For the past eleven years, a group of Evangelical scholars has been meeting regularly with an equal number of LDS counterparts to discuss topics that have long divided Mormons and traditional Christians. The dialogue has been led by Richard Mouw of Fuller Theological Seminary and Robert Millet of Brigham Young University.

The discussions have also taken public form on occasion: in November 1994, a standing-room-only audience of Evangelicals and Mormons gathered in Salt Lake City’s Mormon Tabernacle for “An Evening of Friendship,” with Dr. Mouw introducing the evening by calling for new efforts at mutual understanding.

Friday Forums is a monthly series of contemporary issues and present Christian views and perspectives for discussion and dialogue to seek a better understanding and a deeper, more enlightened response of Faith. ☞



Richard Mouw, President, Fuller Seminary

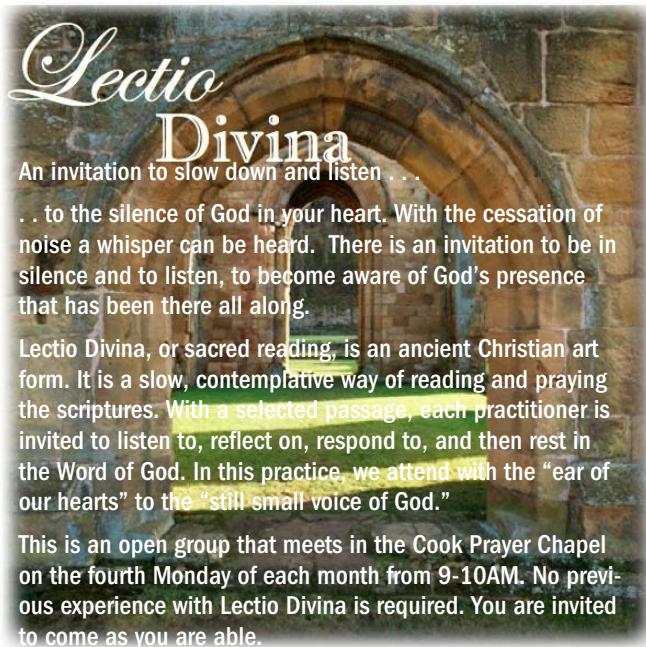
Missional Living Retreat My95 Life Skills Training

"95% of our time is spent outside of church."

Join us on a My95 "road trip" as we explore what it means to be Christ's person in the world!

May 21, 2011
9AM to 2PM

- ◆ Hear real stories from real lives
- ◆ Explore ways to bring missional living into your everyday activities and ongoing ministries
- ◆ Learn how to better navigate My95—what being Christ's person looks like in the spheres of your life outside of LCPC
- ◆ Develop a roadmap for your My95 journey
- ◆ Celebrate God's missional movements in our midst ☞



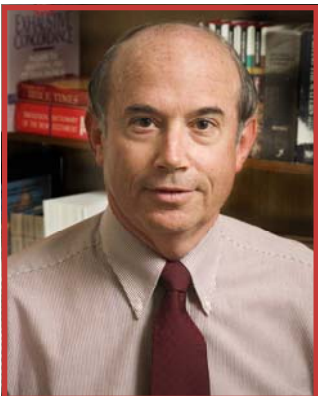
Lectio Divina
An invitation to slow down and listen . . .
. . . to the silence of God in your heart. With the cessation of noise a whisper can be heard. There is an invitation to be in silence and to listen, to become aware of God's presence that has been there all along.

Lectio Divina, or sacred reading, is an ancient Christian art form. It is a slow, contemplative way of reading and praying the scriptures. With a selected passage, each practitioner is invited to listen to, reflect on, respond to, and then rest in the Word of God. In this practice, we attend with the "ear of our hearts" to the "still small voice of God."

This is an open group that meets in the Cook Prayer Chapel on the fourth Monday of each month from 9-10AM. No previous experience with Lectio Divina is required. You are invited to come as you are able.

Please contact Shelley Irvine at shelleyirvine@sbcglobal.net if you would like more information. ☞

Men's Retreat (APR 15-17) Bring a Friend! Bring a Son! Bring a Dad! *The Difference God Makes in the Difference You Make*



MEN, join us at the Pierpont Inn in Ventura for this annual retreat and enjoy a weekend of:

- ◆ Meaningful presentations and discussion
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Meals
- ◆ Recreation: golf, biking, swimming, tennis, basketball, racquetball, surfing, etc. & . . . sleeping!

Sure, as men, we all WANT to "make a difference" in our world. But how can that "best" happen — REALLY? ANDY DEARMAN, PhD, a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA and Director of Fuller Seminary's campus in Houston, where he is also Associate Dean & Professor of Old Testament, will help us.

A frequent conference speaker and favorite Professor, Andy has authored several books and also served as "Theologian in Residence" for congregations in Dallas and Austin (with Gary Dennis at Westlake Hills). Andy and his wife Kathy have three sons and two grandsons. When not teaching, Andy likes driving his tricked out 500hp Subaru WRX STI.

Cost: \$260/person (double)
\$335/person (single)

Four meals included. Scholarships available.
Golf is available at \$60 (includes cart & fees)
Info: Chuck Osburn, chuck@lacadapc.org ☞

Women's Retreat (APR 29-MAY 1)

Praying the Jesus Way: Why Pray When You Can Worry?



Save the date for this annual tradition for women of the congregation, community and friends. This year's guest speaker will be SHAROL HAYNER. The retreat takes place on the beautiful grounds of the Casa de Maria Retreat Center in Santa Barbara. Register on the patio on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

Sharol grew up in Pasadena, California, and attended Wellesley College where she majored in music and piano performance and clearly sensed God's call to ministry. She met her husband Steve at Park Street Church in Boston, where she served on staff with high school and college students. She now joins her husband Steve in ministry at Columbia Seminary, where she offers hospitality to students, faculty, staff, and friends of Columbia while also mentoring and nurturing students on campus.

Sharol & Steve have three children and two grandchildren.

Join us for:

- * A time to connect with other women in a Christian community
- * Spend time with old friends and make new ones
- * Enjoy music under the oaks with Janet & Judy
- * Find rest and relaxation on the beautiful grounds of Casa de Maria
- * Enjoy Good food that you don't have to cook! ☞



August 13-19

Mission Springs Conference Center

Imagine a week filled with...



- ▶ Good old fashioned fun family time
- ▶ Hot meals with no cooking or cleaning
- ▶ 5 mornings of solid Biblical teaching from the speaker, Doug Rumford, while the kids experience 5 mornings of VBS: Backstage with the Bible
- ▶ Time to make meaningful connections with other adults and kids
- ▶ Kids riding their bikes freely through camp
- ▶ Towering coastal redwoods and shady oaks in the Santa Cruz mountains
- ▶ 3 nights of Biblical learning from Pastor Gary while the kids have 3 fun activity filled evenings (K-6th) or early nights with a babysitter (0-5 year olds)
- ▶ Special youth activities and trips
- ▶ Opportunities to mingle with the pastors and church staff
- ▶ 2 special family nights

...and much much more

Come
Join
Us!



For more details check out the church website (www.lacanadapc.org) or contact Paige Dunbar (paigedunbar@mac.com)



...that IS All Church Camp!

Parent Education

Annual Spring Registration Opens May 9 for LCPC Members!



- ◆ Parent Education offers 14 classes per week that meet September through June.
- ◆ See our website www.lacnadapc.org/parented for class schedule & online registration!
- ◆ Join the 450 parents and children on campus every week for parent education!

Register online:

- ◆ Currently-enrolled Priority Registration: May 7
- ◆ LCPC Priority Registration: May 9
- ◆ Open Registration: May 14

Our reputable staff includes a parent coach, a pediatrician, a marriage & family therapist, a mom of six, a literacy specialist, and several former pre-school, elementary and high school teachers – all of whom are real parents with real kids! ☞



Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Family Communion Class

At La Cañada Presbyterian Church, we believe that it is up to the parents to determine if their children are ready to take communion. We ask that the children be baptized and be instructed in the meaning of communion.

As a way to help parents teach their children about the meaning of communion, Rev. Kristin Leucht teaches a Family Communion Class. All 4th through 6th graders and their parents are invited to participate in this 90-minute class which covers communion, baptism, worship and what it means to be Presbyterian.

There are two class times to choose what works best for your schedule. So, choose a date to sign up - Sunday, April 17 from 11:30AM-1:30PM or Sunday, May 15 from 11:00AM-12:30PM in room 305 in the Children's Pavilion. If you have any questions or to sign up for the class, please contact Kristin (kristin@lacnadapc.org or x201). ☞



Outreach

“Suit Yourself” Day at LCPC



As part of Faith Missions Week, on Sunday, May 15, from 12-3 PM LCPC will be holding a very special church-wide event to invite first-time visitors. It's called “Suit Yourself Day” and will be promoted throughout the Crescenta Valley.

Our partner in this event is “Clothes the Deal,” a non-profit organization that distributes over 30,000 pieces of business and casual clothing annually

to women and men in need. Donations will go to individuals who have completed work-training programs throughout Los Angeles County and to our Ministry Partners such as Door of Hope, Elizabeth House and Walter Hoving Home.

Our goal is to have 200 first-time visitors come to campus on “Suit Yourself Day.” Anyone can “drive-thru” our LCPC parking lot to drop off a new or gently used suit (or **interview** attire such as slacks, shirts, skirts, blouses) for a great cause, or they can get out of their car and enjoy conversation with our LCPC members while nibbling on goodies from our sponsor partners such as frozen yogurt, food truck delights and much more! We'll even have a bounce house for the kids. So, invite your family, friends, or even someone you don't know.

If you are passionate about engaging the unchurched and would like to be a greeter that day, please contact Office Manager Barbara Pettit at barbara@lacanadapc.org to be put on the list. And remember, this event means nothing without you. You are our primary communicators at LCPC as we seek to be Christ's people in the world!

For info. and updates please check the website www.lacanadapc.org, or contact Director of Communications Camille Tucker at 818.790.6708 x 621. ☞

Email from Pakistan by Mike Murphy

Greetings from Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan. My arrival was delayed by three weeks as we waited for our visas to be renewed. Nevertheless, we are confident that our time here will be productive. Marianne will join me next week and stay until the first week in April. I plan to return on April 15, giving me just 5 weeks to teach. We'll make the best of it.

As I am writing this, the breaking news is the release of Raymond Davis, the CIA agent who killed two Pakistanis who were trying to rob him. Evidently, the families of these victims were paid “diyya,” or blood money, and therefore dropped the charges. This kind of deal is allowed under Islamic Law, so it is an interesting resolution to a tense situation. Hopefully this will take some of the steam out of those who were looking forward to whipping the masses into a frenzy over the incident.

I arrived in time to attend Sunday worship at the International Christian Fellowship which meets on our campus. They are studying the book of Acts (as is our home church in La Cañada). The scripture for Sunday was about Stephen's stoning and martyrdom (Ch.s 5-6). Stephen “crime” was blasphemy, but the charges were false. The witnesses lied. This event has great currency for Chris-

tians in Pakistan. Christians are charged with blasphemy nearly every day. Almost always the charges are trumped up by Muslims who have an axe to grind. Christians are jailed, fined, vilified, and sometimes executed. Two high-ranking Pakistanis, the Governor of Punjab Province (a Muslim) and the Minister of Minority Affairs (a Christian) were recently assassinated for their outspoken opposition to the Blasphemy Laws.

What are Pakistani Christians to do? Pastor Calib admonished his congregation to emulate Stephen – to be bold in speaking the truth and to be filled with God's grace, wisdom, power and the Holy Spirit. He reminded them that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of love, power and self-control. I am humbled to be among people who take such risks daily as they stand firm in their faith.

When I write next, I will give you more of an update on the College. Meanwhile, I will be flying to Bangkok to meet Marianne. We are spending the weekend at a resort on the Gulf of Siam. We covet your prayers, but don't feel too sorry for us.

In Christ, Mike Murphy (sent to LCPC on 3/16/11)
Mike & Marianne Murphy joined LCPC in 2001 and have been to Pakistan several times since then. ☞

Feeling Closer to God by Rev. Jim Milley

It all started four years ago when LCPC members Lauren Diehl and her son Christopher Lazo (pictured below with Jim) attended family camp. Lauren and Christopher learned about STARS, a tutoring ministry of the Lake Avenue Foundation in northwest Pasadena. Volunteering at STARS only required one hour a week. The mother-son team decided to give it a shot.

After the training session, God nudged Christopher to tutor two days a week. Mom, Lauren, made arrangements to leave work early on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the next three years, Christopher tutored the same two students, Juan Carlos and Jim, until he left for college last fall. Lauren tutored two girls, Jackie and Teresa, alongside Christopher.

Lauren and Christopher saw their students begin to achieve academically. They prayed with them, for them, and could see the students grow spiritually. They had the students' families over for swim parties at their home, and attended first communions. The STARS students became an important part of Lauren and Christopher's lives.

Not only did the STARS students benefit, but Lauren and Christopher benefitted as well. Lauren reflects that tutoring with STARS “...makes you feel good and it'll bring you closer to God.”

Many of you are already serving with STARS and other amazing ministries in the LA area. God holds the forgotten people in our society close to his heart. Thank you for giving them the gift of your time, money, and prayers. Thank you for supporting Faith Missions. ☞



Ovations: Concerts

Great Hymns of the Church

Sunday, March 27, 4PM, Sanctuary



Great Hymns of the Church

Celebrate the great hymns of our faith and become a part of the singing congregation in a live recording session. Sing "Amazing Grace," "Praise to the Lord," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and others, and listen to more of your favorite hymns.

March 27, 2011 4P.M.

Free Concert CD with attendance!
Additional CD's available for purchase in time for Christmas present giving.

Tickets \$15 in advance or at the door.
Advance tickets available (626) 794-1522 or at church office.
626 Foothill Blvd. La Cañada, Ca 91011 www.lcpc.org (818) 790-6708

featuring LCPC Chancel Choir & Orchestra

La Cañada PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Ovations Concert and Recording Event

Join us for a special event celebrating many great hymns of our faith in a concert session. Join us to become part of the congregation in a live recording session as everyone in attendance will sing along with the choir and orchestra such great hymns as "Amazing Grace," "Praise to the Lord," "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The choir and orchestra will also present a variety of other great hymns in interesting and exciting settings. Included will be John Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth," Gilbert Martin's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "This Little Light of Mine," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," "When the Saints Go Marching In," "I Need Thee Every Hour" and many others.

This concert will be recorded and a CD made of the concert. Each paid ticket will entitle the holder to receive a free professionally packaged CD of the concert. Additional CDs of the concert will be available for purchase in time for Christmas present giving.

Please come and bring a friend for a special afternoon of great and fun music, plus a chance to make a recording that will be turned into a permanent record on CD.

Tickets are \$15, available in advance by calling Lori MacDonald at (626) 794-1522, the church office at (818) 790-6708 and at the door. ☞

Mozart Coronation Concert

Sunday, April 17, 4PM, Sanctuary



Featuring LCPC Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – a quasi coronation setting. What better way to celebrate this remarkably historic event than with Mozart's "Coronation Mass" in C

Major? This Ovations event is designed to help us celebrate Palm

Sunday and Holy Week with the great music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

To prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week, our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present a stimulating afternoon of music starting with Mozart's gorgeous motet for choir and orchestra "Ave Verum Corpus," his lushly beautiful "Laudate Dominum," from the "Solemn Vespers," featuring Lori Stinson with the choir and orchestra, the poignant "Kyrie in D Minor" – probably the most painful cry for mercy ever set to music, and culminating with his "Coronation Mass" in C Major. Rounding out the concert, the orchestra will present Mozart's masterpiece Symphony No. 41 in C Major – his last symphony and probably his greatest symphony.

All in all, a great concert for Holy Week, as well as Palm Sunday, and a great Ovations concert to invite friends to LCPC.

Tickets are \$15, available in advance by calling Lori MacDonald at (626) 794-1522, the church office at (818) 790-6708 and at the door. ☞

POPS 2011: Last Train to Musicville

Friday, June 10, 8PM & Saturday, June 11, 4PM

Our great Chancel Choir and the Jack Lantz Little Big Band are again presenting an evening of great Pops music, frolic and fun on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. Departing from the norm, this year's theme is "Last Train to Musicville" which presents music on the subject or inspired by the subject of trains. The music spans the generations from the 1930's into our 21st century. This year's concert includes the music of Broadway, the movies, rock & roll, and even a quick excerpt from the church in an action-filled and fun-packed show. The LCPC Dancers, first featured several years ago, will be back in an expanded role, as will the Chancel Choir, who again will kick up their heels and frolic to the music.

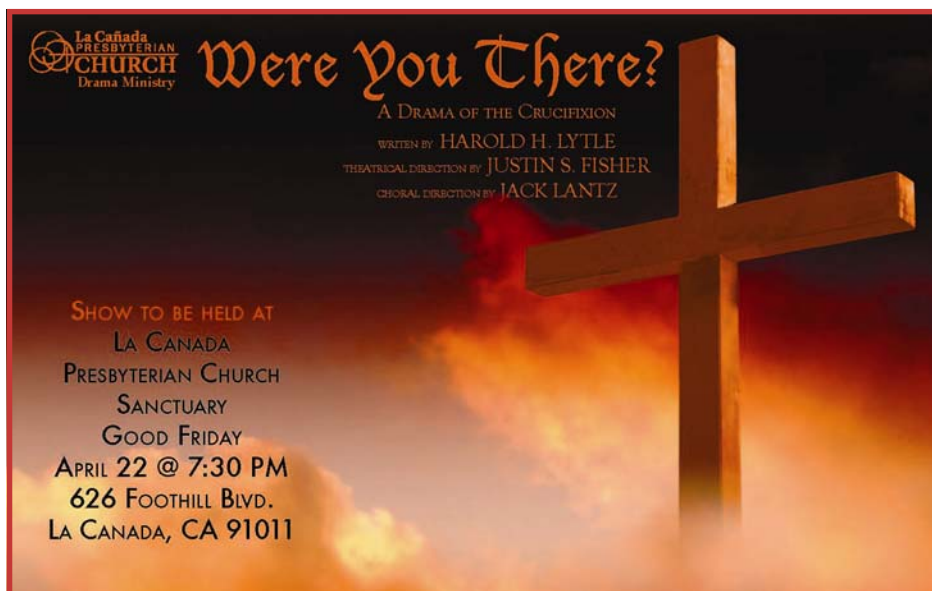
Come hear your many of your favorite Broadway, film, jazz, rock, country and popular songs presented in a fast-paced fun environment by a great cast in our sanctuary, which will be temporarily converted into a Union Station Theatre for these two days only. See and hear all your favorite Chancel Choir soloists. The singing, dancing, swinging and comedy is infectious and will send you out with a smile on your face and a song (or two) in your heart. The show will also contain a few surprises, which, for obvious reasons, cannot be disclosed here. A hint, though: look for a real train to appear!

Pops 2011 is another great opportunity to invite friends and members of the community to our church. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seats in the front rows and \$15 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased beginning in mid-May from any choir member or Lori MacDonald at lorimac2001@earthlink.net or 626-794-1522, via the church office and at the door. ☞

Ovations: Drama

Were You There? A Drama of the Crucifixion

Friday, April 22, 7:30PM, Sanctuary



Featuring LCPC Chancel Choir & Drama Ministry
In a Drama by Harold H. Lytle

Have you ever wondered how the major figures of the Crucifixion would plead if brought before the court of Universal Conscience, for their actions in the events surrounding the Crucifixion? Come to LCPC on Good Friday evening to see how Simon Peter, Mary Magdalene, Pontius Pilate, Flavius the centurion, John the Apostle, and the ultimate villain, Judas Iscariot, plead their cases before the "Interrogator in the Court of Universal Conscience". Directed by Justin Fisher, LCPC Drama Ministry Director, this powerful and dramatic look behind the events of the Crucifixion will bring to life the events of Good Friday in a truly powerful way. Featured actors include Kevin Brief, Justin S. Fisher, Sarah Holmstrom, Richie Myers, Chuck Osburn, Ron Pearson, Tina Tong and Tyler Wright. Strengthening the drama is the LCPC Chancel

Choir, directed by Jack Lantz, LCPC Director of Music & Worship Arts, which acts not only as the speaking chorus and the crowd for each interview, but also provides the background music of the title hymn "Were You There".

This one-hour drama will be held one night only, Friday, April 22 at 7:30PM, in the Sanctuary. "Were You There?" is another great opportunity to introduce friends, family and coworkers to LCPC. There is no admission charge; however, a freewill offering will be received after the performance. This production is presented by special arrangement with Baker's Plays and Samuel French, Inc. ☞

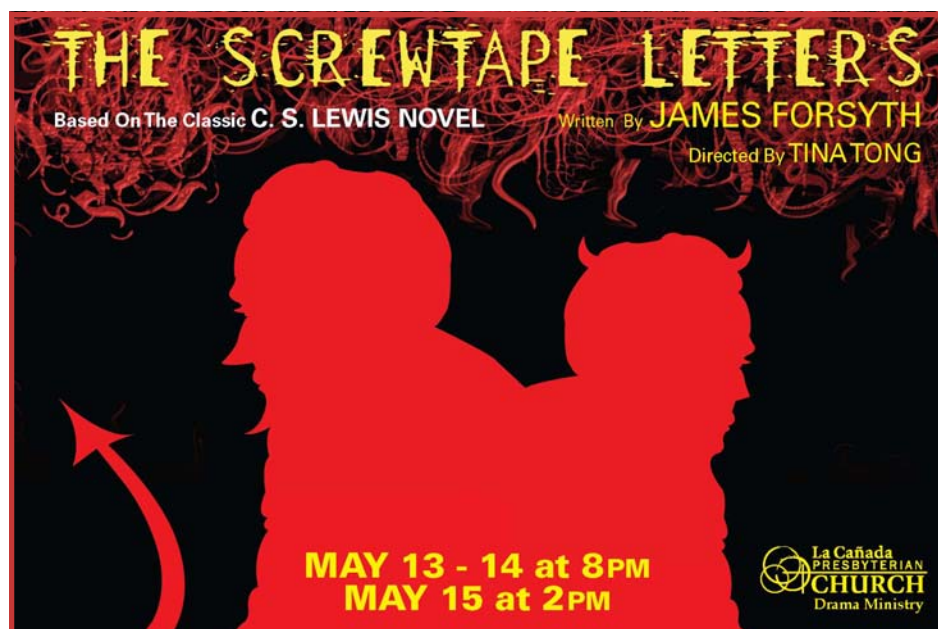
The Screwtape Letters

Friday & Saturday, May 13 & 14, 8PM and Sunday, May 15, 2PM

The Screwtape Letters is a masterpiece of satire. This wonderful adaptation for the stage of the classic C.S. Lewis novel gives a shockingly honest portrayal of human life from the vantage point of a demon. At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, this adaptation of the classic story brings to life the tutelage of a junior demon, Wormwood, by the worldly-wise old devil, Screwtape. Wormwood is charged with securing the damnation of an ordinary young man, but is not sure just how to accomplish that. Through the course of the play we see just how far the enemies of God are willing to go to get what they want.


Employing a large cast and a wide range of special effects, this play is exciting and stimulating for both Christians and would-be Christians.

Don't miss this wonderful new adaptation of the beloved C.S. Lewis classic as the LCPC Drama Ministry presents *The Screwtape Letters* in the round in the Worship Arts Center for one weekend only, May 13 & 14 at 8PM and May 15 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$15, and will be available through the church office, after worship, and at the door. ☞



LA CANADA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prayerful Writing—Going Deeper



Contemplative writing in community increases connectedness with self, others and God.

Pen in hand, we will tap the depths as we listen together for “the still, small voice” and record what we discover.

FRI, MAR 11, APR 15 & MAY 13, 9AM-noon
Cook Prayer Chapel

Facilitated by Judith Favor, Stillpoint staff member and teacher at Claremont School of Theology.

Details/Registration: Stillpoint website: www.stillpointca.org

Lent invites us to dwell more deeply with God, and Eastertide can reveal new aspects of faith and life. In January, Stillpoint: Center for Christian Spirituality offered a well-received workshop, Prayerfully Writing Our Lives. Encouraged by enthusiastic response, follow up sessions on Prayerful Writing – Going Deeper will be held in the Cook Prayer Chapel on the LCPC campus on two Friday mornings, April 15 and May 13, from 9AM-noon.

Contemplative writing in community increases connectedness with self, others and God. Pen in hand, we will tap the depths as we listen together for “the still, small voice” and record what we discover.

Judith Favor, who has been wending her way through life's struggles and celebrations in the pages of her Intensive Journal since 1973, will facilitate the mornings. A lifelong contemplative and seasoned writing guide, she serves on Stillpoint's staff and teaches at the Claremont School of Theology. A retired UCC pastor and spiritual guide, she graduated from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in 1985, and has been a member of Spiritual Directors International since it began.

For further details and registration, please visit the Stillpoint website: <http://stillpointca.org>

Living the Journey

by Jim Staniels, Jr. High Director

Have you ever had the experience where you were excited because you were about to be a part of something bigger than yourself? I had that recently on our winter retreat with the Jr High. I had been praying for this trip for months, that God would have the right students come, that we would be safe, that spots would open up and the other normal prayers.

As the weekend unfolded, we had our normal moments of laughter and fun, unexpected challenges, but one thing was very overwhelming. I kept talking to students one on one and they were hearing the call of God in their lives. It is a wonder to be part of the process that God uses to talk to students. Some students knew God was calling them to a specific task, others knew God was calling them to just be a certain way; but it was awe-inspiring that God was speaking to Jr Highers and they were in tune to listen and figure out what he was saying. So many times I miss God's calling to me that I get excited when others figure out and develop the very thing I am still working on.

God's communication with students and their “mountain top experience” have brought home momentum for our youth ministry. I thank you for the opportunity to go with our students, pray that Sr High has the same amazing experience, and look forward to hearing more from the students what God is still speaking to them! ☞

“Begin the Journey Here”

The “Next Step” On Your Journey at LCPC

This class is specifically designed to help you to identify where you are on the journey of following Jesus and discover a “next step” on your journey at LCPC. It describes the one requirement of being on the Christian journey and four spiritual practices to help you along the way. This class is also required to become a member at LCPC. Please email Barbara at barbara@lacanadapc.org to register or call (818) 790-6708, x215. Please be sure to request childcare also if it is needed for your children.

Meals and childcare are provided. Meet the pastors of the church and others who are relatively new to LCPC. Explore four spiritual practices that are central to following Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Upcoming 2011 class dates:

FRIDAY, April 15 (6:30-9PM) and
SUNDAY, April 17 (3-8PM)

OR

SUNDAYS, May 15 & 22, June 5 & 12
11AM-1PM

RSVP to Barbara Pettit at (818) 790-6708, X215 or
barbara@lacanadapc.org

April/May 2011

April

- 8 Friday Forums w/Richard Mouw, President of Fuller Seminary
- 15 Begin the Journey Here (1 of 2)
Prayerful Writing Workshop
- 15-17 Men's Retreat
- 17 Palm Sunday
Ovations: “Music of Mozart” Palm Sunday Coronation Concert
Begin the Journey Here (2 of 2)
- 18 Session meeting
- 21 Maundy Thursday worship service (7PM)
- 22 Ovations: “Were You There?” Drama Ministry presentation
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 29-May 1 Women's Retreat

May

- 8 Mother's Day
Faith Missions Sunday #1
- 13 Prayerful Writing Workshop
- 13,14,15 Screwtape Letters Drama Ministry
- 15 Faith Missions Sunday #2
“Suit Yourself” Day
Begin the Journey Here (1 of 4)
- 21 My95 Training/Missional Living Retreat
- 22 Deacon Flock Sunday
Begin the Journey Here (2 of 4)
- 24 Presbytery meeting
- 29 Preaching series using Ortberg book begins

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3rd Grade Bible Sunday



Friday Forums Team w/Speaker, Greg Kouki (blue shirt)



Peter Hintzoglou's Appreciation Luncheon



Happy 65th Birthday, Gary Dennis! (surrounded by some LCPC staff members)



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Fun in the snow at Forest Home Winter Camp for Youth



OVATIONS: Children's Musical



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Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the **PURPOSE** of the La Cañada Presbyterian Church is to invite people to follow Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, engage them in Christian community, and equip them to worship and serve God in the church and in the world.

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Milestones

Deaths:

- *Lou Brown (longtime LCPC member)
- *Stephen Githumbi's mother
- *Jill McCullough (LCPC and choir member, wife of Wendell McCullough)
- *Bernita Perrine (longtime LCPC member and wife of Ted Perrine)
- *Elaine Stinson (Lori Stinson's mother)

Births:

- *Calvin Noel Hays, born December 25, 2010, to Yvonne & Chris Hays.
- *Everett Andrew Young, born January 30 to Jon & Megan Young. Proud grandmother is LCPC member and Parent Ed teacher, Jan Roberts.
- *James Jeffrey Landrum, born February 14 to Karen & Jeffrey Landrum. Proud grandparents are LCPC members Diane & John Landrum.
- *Iris Marie Block, born February 15 to LCPC members Michaela & Jonathan Block.

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