

# MESSENGER

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Dear Church Family,  
We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Dr. Timothy Lewis Beal** as our Interim Pastor at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. He will begin on July 6 and will preach his first sermon on Sunday, July 12.

Drawing on more than four decades of pastoral ministry, Tim has served congregations across the country as an associate pastor, organizing pastor, head of staff, and most recently as an interim and transitional pastor, walking churches through seasons of change with wisdom and grace. He is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, honorably retired in the Presbytery of Detroit, and holds a Doctor of Ministry

and Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary, as well as a Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan. We are grateful that God has called him to journey with LCPC in this important chapter of our story.

Tim brings with him a deep love for Jesus Christ, the Church, and the Presbyterian tradition, along with specialized training in interim and transitional ministry that equips him to help congregations navigate seasons of discernment, self-study, and renewal. His ministry is grounded in Scripture, shaped by a strong commitment to preaching and worship leadership, and marked by a calm, non-anxious presence that fosters trust, hope, and collaboration among leaders and members alike. As we welcome Tim and look ahead to what God has in store, we invite you to hold him, our Session, staff, and the whole LCPC family in prayer, trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work to guide us into God's good future.

In Christ,  
LCPC Session

## STUDENT MINISTRIES from the desk of the team lead



We welcomed our new Director of Student Ministries, Andrew Ojeda, on Sunday, May 17, 2026, and welcomed him

well. Our folks were warm and appreciative, and there is a sprinkling of hope surrounding a new hire for our staff. It was a nicely added touch to throw a potluck to complete the welcome. Thank you, you have my heart.

this area as things are not yet defined to specific tasks that we can do to support our younger siblings.

We find ourselves deeply in need of additional adult volunteers to support Student Ministries, people who are passionate about our church truly being multi-generational. We need folks to teach, hang out with, and play with our students – any or all of them would be a blessing. There will come a time when we need drivers as our program grows and we branch out from the walls of LCPC.

Andrew will be taking on some support for Children's Ministry along with the usual workload of Student Ministries. Please be in prayer for the Holy Spirit to lead us through

### A letter from Rev. Dr. Timothy Beal

Greetings Members and friends of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church,

My name is Tim Beal. It is my honor to be invited by the Session to serve as the Interim Pastor while the church moves through this time of transition and prepares for the search for your next Installed Pastor.

Before going into the ministry, I was an attorney. I have pastored congregations ranging from a new church development beginning with a group of seven families to congregations of over 2000 members. I have served churches in urban, suburban, small town and college communities. Since my retirement, I have served as Interim Pastor for four churches.

My wife Cherie and I have been married 55 years. We are blessed with three children who are married and have six grandchildren.

Thank you for the honor of working with you as we discern what God is calling us to do and to prepare for the new leadership which can make that possible.

I look forward to learning your stories.

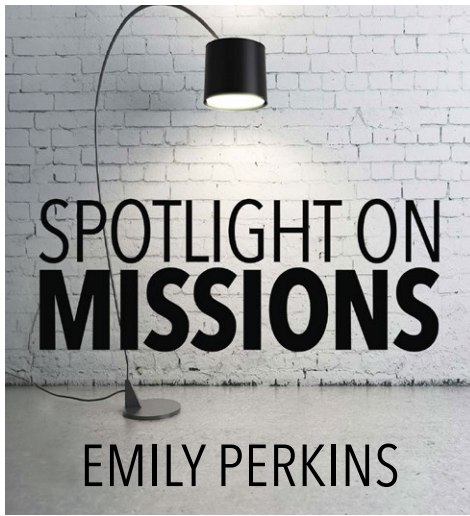
May God bless us as we seek to bring honor to the name of Jesus.

Blessings,  
Tim Beal

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work in the instability and in the hard moments, but it has been really cool to see God use the stability my team provides to bless our dorm. I see it in us generally being more joyful because we have a good relationship with each other and I see it in the ability to support each other well on hard days.

I also see it positively affecting the students, having a staff team who all loves them and is on the same page. This year I also have a great community of friends, having my back and supporting me through a job that can be difficult at times. In the past two years, I saw God in the lack, providing for me when I was too tired to stand and move forward. In year three, I see God providing and sustaining me in abundance, in a good team, good friends and a healthy dorm culture. These are all gifts provided by His hand that are just signposts to His glorious love. No matter where we are at, He is still God and still good. As the Matt Redman song goes

*“Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful where streams of abundance flow blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name When I'm found in the desert place*

*Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be your name”*

May He be praised in time of abundance and times of lack, knowing He will sustain us through it all.

If you don't know me, my name is Emily Perkins and I serve as a Resident Assistant in an all-girls dorm at an international boarding school in Germany. I am currently in my third year, and God continues to teach me the importance of community, friendship, and team in having a healthy ministry. My past two years have been difficult team wise with turnover every year. Normally BFA dorms have a set of dorm parents and RAs.

In my first year we had three sets of dorm parents in one year and at the end of last year my Co-Ra had to leave due to financial reasons. With all of this turnover it often creates an environment of instability for students. This year, my team has been more stable and my new Co-Ra will be staying for next year. I have seen God



## STUDENT MINISTRIES

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Our Student Ministries Team needs additional members; we are currently at two sitting

members plus the team lead. The Holy Spirit is looking for one or two to come alongside us to help our students flourish.

Mostly, be in prayer that we reach teens who need Jesus, and as we deepen the discipleship of those now in the program.

In His grip,  
Jerry White  
Student Ministries Team Lead



## MESSENGER

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In all God's goodness, He's blessed us with a new **Director of Student Ministries** just in time for all the summer fun!

**Andrew Ojeda** joined our staff two weeks ago and we couldn't be happier to have him. Andrew grew up in the area and even attended Rosemont's Got Faith Club when he was a young teen. He's now a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate and excited to teach, lead and nurture our youth. Andrew will be supporting our Children's Ministries program as well. Make sure to introduce yourself to him and give him a warm LCPC welcome!

A huge thank you also goes to **Will Wolfswinkel** and **Jerry White** for taking such good care of our youth while the search was on for a new director. They gave so much of their time and love to the students and we are so grateful.

Session has been working hard with the Presbytery, and we're thrilled to welcome **Tim Beal** as our interim pastor. He is profiled on the front page. We're grateful for all the wonderful guest preachers we've had over the past two months, and the wisdom they've shared with us.

**PEAK** is officially on hiatus for the summer. Those delicious dinners and enlightening classes will return in the fall. Thank you to **Tom** and **Robyn Crabtree** and **Adult Ministries**, for leading us this past session with prayerful, healing classes and discussions for this season at LCPC.

Our **Sunday Potluck** will be a bit earlier in the month, due to the blood drive and Father's Day. Join us Sunday, June 7 right after the combined service for a great buffet of yummy food and a chance to enjoy each other's company. Come even if you don't bring anything – we always have an abundance!

June 9 at noon, everyone is invited to the monthly **Bistro 50+ Luncheon** for just \$5. Afterwards at 1pm, the **Cruisers** welcome speaker **Ron Scott**, a good friend of **Pat Chambers** and LCPC. Ron has volunteered to talk about the rewards of volunteerism! The Cruisers will not meet in July and August but will resume meetings on September 8.

There's another opportunity to serve our Altadena neighbors with **Habitat for Humanity** on Saturday June 13. Register by June 1 on our website [lcpc.net](http://lcpc.net). Go to the Ministries tab and choose H4H Update on the dropdown menu. There are two shifts to choose from, lunch is provided, and no experience is needed!



There are still spots open for the **Deacons Blood Drive** Sunday, June 14, from 8am-2pm in Koopmans Hall. If you're 16 years or older, in good health and have not donated in the last 56 days, the American Red Cross would love your blood! Spread the word to friends and family and let's fill every slot they have! We are scheduling more blood drives this year due to the critical need for blood. Go to [lcpc.net/giveblood](http://lcpc.net/giveblood) to register.

**Monthly Game Night** is Thursday, June 18 from 6-8pm in Koopmans. The group has been trying new twists on the game Rummikub as an added challenge. You know, learning a new game is good for brain health! Contact **Nancy Coler**, [nancoler@gmail.com](mailto:nancoler@gmail.com) for more information.

It's not too late to sign up children for **CFC's Summer Day Camp**. They're offering Kinder Camp and classes for kids entering 1st grade through 7th grade, filled with daily activities, weekly field trips and summer fun! School pick up is available for those kids attending GUSD summer school in the La Crescenta area (If they're lucky, they'll get everyone's favorite driver, **Tim Milbrodt**!) Families can register for the weeks that work best with their schedules. For more info, contact the CFC office at 818-249-8124.

CFC is partnering with **LCPC's Children's Ministries** to bring you **Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Falls – Exploring the True Nature of God,"** Monday, July 6-Friday, July 10. This will be a smaller VBS experience this year, just for CFC kids & LCPC kids and grandkids. Due to CFC licensing regulations, it won't be open to the community. We are still in need of volunteers to run the various stations. Contact [Dennisfernandez898@gmail.com](mailto:Dennisfernandez898@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer or sign up your child or grandchild.

Congratulations to **Adam Hill** and **Vera Garabedian** on their upcoming graduation from CV High School! We are proud of their hard



work and their commitment to LCPC and their faith journeys! Adam has done a phenomenal job these past 4 years as the Sunday Fellowship Hour Coordinator - we're very grateful for his service to the church's cookie and coffee needs each week! Adam has a new job at the Montrose Trader Joe's, so you can still see his handsome face around town, but he will be missed here! **Michelle Cornell** and **Jim Christie** will be our new Fellowship time team, and we know they will do great!

"The wider Fellowship team hosted a festive Mexican dinner for the San Fernando Presbytery meeting a few nights ago, and they pulled off a "Loaves and Fishes" meal! Over 60 people showed up for dinner, but only 25 had RSVP'd so the team was getting very creative with the food service! Los Gringos Locos provided the food and all attendees enjoyed it. Thank you to all who set up and served our Presbytery."

**Victor Bustillos** had the honor of being the emcee for the annual Two Strike Park Memorial Day Ceremony, in remembrance of the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the Armed Forces. Special music was also performed by **Monday@JoJo's**, which our own **Shawn Kelly** is a member of.

Two of our very favorite veterans and LCPC members who attended also had special birthdays last month. **Bob Keiter** celebrated his 98th birthday May 9 and **George Murphy** his 97th birthday May 24! Happy Birthday to both amazing men, who are an inspiration and example to all of us.

**Tim** and **Kerry Milbrodt** are beyond thrilled to welcome their first grandson! **Maxwell (Max) Lee Eggertsen** was born to **Sarah** and **Troy Eggertsen** on May 23. He is beautiful and Mommy and Max are doing great! The Milbrodts are going to be spending a lot more time in Utah to be with this precious new addition to the family.

Congratulations to **Diana Barseghyan**, one of our fabulous vocalists in the contemporary service. She married **Elliot Randolph** on May 17, and she surprised her guests by using her beautiful voice during the ceremony to sing to her groom! She was a gorgeous, glowing bride and we couldn't be happier for them, as they begin their

life together.

**Happy Father's Day** to all you dads and grandfathers out there! And don't forget to thank and praise your heavenly Father also, for loving you more than you could ever fathom. I'll talk to you next month!



# SESSION NEWS

In late April, Session discussed and approved a proposal to create an Operations Team that oversees the restructure of Teams, coordinates inter-team initiatives, deals with and delegates congregation suggestions, monitors the calendar of events, follows up with moderators that aren't submitting information or meeting objectives, and sets the Session Docket each month. Initially the team will comprise three elders, the Clerk of Session, and (optional) the Pastor. The initial Session members are Craig Carlson, Leslie Carpenter, and Doug Given. Sara Kauffman is an alternate. As part of this process, we are also evaluating a proposal to streamline the number of teams that have to meet each

month.

The Membership Team has continued to reach out to inactive and "unable to contact" members. Overall, 106 inactive and non-contactable members were removed from the membership roll. Session also approved an Eagle Scout project – a prayer garden in front of the church – to be conducted by Leland Elmes, as well as a formal offer to Andrew Ojeda, our new Director of Student Ministries.

In May, Session approved the calling of our Transitional Pastor (announced separately) and the new fiscal year's budget for the Center for Children. In addition, we approved a proposal for a Women's Retreat

the second weekend of October.

As we continue to be in this transition period, Session is committed to being fully open to your inputs. We are thankful for Jim Sillerud, retired Pastor from Granada Hills Presbyterian Church, for serving as moderator of Session during this transition time. The members of Session, as well as our church leadership, also appreciate your continued prayers for our church body and leadership as we navigate through this time.

Submitted in Christ,  
Steven Andersen  
Clerk of Session



This month's Deacons' spotlight is on visitations. Scott Carpenter is our contact person for visits (scottcarpenter7@outlook.com). Scott maintains our visitation list, and is the one to contact should a friend or family member want to request a deacon visitation. When one part of the body hurts, we all suffer together, and we strive to show compassion for that person.

When visiting, we keep the following considerations in mind: What are the person's needs and concerns now? We do more listening than talking, communicating empathy. Would they like to be prayed over during the visit? God uses prayers to accomplish His work. Deacons can provide a prayer brochure if desired. Lastly, we always obtain the person's permission before sharing any information to the Deacons' board or elsewhere to ensure confidentiality.

In other news, new scholarship applications will be open until mid-June, with amounts

up to \$1,000 per degree at an accredited school or trade school available. Awards will be paid directly to the school on the recipients' behalf, and sometimes matching funds are available.

Now for Deacons' June events: Our blood drive is slated for Sunday, June 14, led by Hilary Norton, Alice Hill and Ann Scoggins. Volunteers are encouraged, as this is also a great outreach to advertise LCPC to the community.



Finally, Father's Day is June 21, and the deacons have a gift planned for the fathers, so bring your Dad, your grandpa, or any paternal figure you know. See you there.

Until next month,  
Dave Eagle

## BISTRO 50+

TUESDAY,  
JUNE 9  
12 NOON IN  
KOOPMANS

Everyone 50+ years old  
is welcome to come and enjoy  
a meal and fellowship for just \$5.00.

## CRUISERS

For their June 9 meeting, the Cruisers are happy to host Ron Scott, a great friend of Pat Chambers, with a program on volunteerism and the innumerable rewards you can receive by serving others. The Lord knows we all need help in some form or other. So come on over. Afterwards, the Cruisers will go on summer hiatus, returning on September 8.



# CFC Heartbeat



June is always one of the most exciting times of the year at Center For Children as we prepare for a busy summer season. Along with the anticipation of our very popular summer camp beginning the week of June 22, June also marks an important season of transition throughout our preschool program.

Beginning June 1st, our preschool children will transition into their new classrooms as teachers warmly welcome their new groups of students. This season brings a mix of familiarity and excitement as children move forward alongside old friends while also anticipating new teachers, new routines and new friendships. Watching our children grow confident and more independent every day during these early childhood years is one of the many special parts of life at CFC.

deeper. CFC is more than preschool and childcare center. It is one of the internal ministries of our church.

Every day, children and families walk through our doors and experience kindness, compassion, encouragement, prayer and Christian community in action. For many children, CFC may be one of the very first places where they hear about God's love, learn prayers, and experience the warmth of a caring faith community.

Last month I had the privilege of sharing with the congregation about the ministry of CFC and the ways this church continues to support families in our community. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to our scholarship fund so far. Your generosity helps families remain part of our community during difficult seasons of life and reflects Christ's love in such meaningful ways.

As the need continues throughout the year, we remain grateful for and continue to accept scholarship fund donations year-round. These contributions help support families experiencing unexpected hardships and allow children to remain in a nurturing, loving environment during times when stability, encouragement, and community matter most.

We also love it when members of the congregation stop by to visit us in the office, our doors are always open. It means so much for our children and staff to feel connected to the larger church family.

One of our newest traditions our families have embraced is our Wednesday night "Pizza Party" in the courtyard. Throughout the school year and continuing through the summer CFC families stay after school on Wednesday evenings for pizza, fellowship, and



community time together. The children have named it "Pizza Party" they love playing with their friends while parents have the opportunity to relax, connect, and unwind after a busy day. What began as a simple gathering has quickly become a favorite tradition among our families and a wonderful example of the sense of belonging and community being built here at Center for Children.

As we enter this exciting summer season, we remain grateful for the continued love, prayers and support of our church family. The seeds being planted in the heart of children today through faith and community are truly meaningful, and we are honored to be part of that journey each day.

With Gratitude,  
Arpy Jahjah



Our Summer Camp program will once again bring in eight weeks filled with laughter friendships, water days, special activities, field trips, and unforgettable memories for nearly 200 children throughout the summer months. From VBS to our fourth of July Parade & BBQ, science activities, park days, movies, and exciting outings, summer at CFC makes it an energetic season.

But beyond the activities and excitement, summer also reminds us of something much



# JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL  
NEW SONG WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
BOTH SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

## “BECOMING THE BODY: LIVING THE RISEN LIFE TOGETHER”

Week by week, you'll reflect on how the risen Christ forms you into a community shaped by hope, peace, courage, forgiveness, and love. You'll consider how resurrection life takes root not in dramatic moments alone, but in practices of worship, service, reconciliation,

and mission. As you journey through this series, you'll be encouraged to take practical steps in becoming the body of Christ – learning to live the risen life together for the sake of your neighbors, your community, and the world.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**  
**COMBINED COMMUNION WORSHIP**  
**IN THE SANCTUARY**  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Morgan

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mike McClenahan

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Richard Lyon

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Richard Lyon

## BE A HERO

# DONATE BLOOD



**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
**8 AM-2 PM**  
**KOOPMANS HALL**

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