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SPOTLIGHT: DOT KIM AND PAT SHEN

LCPC is so blessed to have the Sohn sisters as part of our church family! You know them better as Dot Kim, our Director of Children and Family Ministries, and her sister Pat Shen. Pat and Dot are 20 months and one grade apart, and grew up in Torrance, CA. They attended a Korean American mega church when they were young, with 500 kids in their VBS! One of those kids happened to be Daniel Kim, who Dot met in 6th grade. She knew in 8th grade that he would be her future husband.



Dot (left) and Pat

The Sohn girls were both very involved in student leadership at their high school. Pat was ASB VP and Dot was ASB President the following year. Pat's entrepreneurial skills emerged in childhood, as she created pretend stores at home, complete with credit card scanning and Dot as her loyal customer.

Both young ladies actively committed to their faith in

wholesale stationery and gift company, Our Heiday. Dot was teaching at a private Christian school in New York, then later joined Pat in remotely helping her run her fast-growing business.

In 2017, while living in downtown LA, Pat and Clarence had their first daughter, Charlotte. They decided they wanted a more family-oriented community closer to Clarence's law office, and they discovered and moved to La Crescenta. They found CFC for childcare, and it was a CFC teacher who affectionately nicknamed Charlotte "Char Char," a name that has stuck since! Char Char is now 9 and attends Fremont Elementary school, and their younger daughter Ava is 3. Clarence works as an attorney for NBC in Burbank.

Dot couldn't wait to be an aunt, so she and Daniel moved to La Crescenta in 2017 to be close to Pat after she had Char Char. Dot had their first daughter Haley in 2018, then Kory in 2020 and Aaron in 2023. The

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LCPC TRUNK OR TREAT & PUMPKIN DECORATING

Saturday
October 25th
3-5pm

No tricks here! Free for the whole family!
All ages are invited to enjoy treats, activities,
and pumpkin decorating.



LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2902 MONTROSE AVENUE

Don't forget a bag to collect treats!
Costumes must be family friendly. Absolutely no play weapons.

P A S T O R ' S L E T T E R

Dear LCPC Family,

I hope and pray this finds you all in the fullness of God's blessings and grace. Community! Community has become an important word for me lately. Building a Christ-centered community is a dream that I've for our congregation; a future that I am envisioning for LCPC. A Christ-centered community is a vision that I deeply carry in my heart every day.

As a congregation, we know the importance of building and fostering a Christ-centered community right here at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. This is why we dedicated our Fall PEAK Semester this year to reflect on community and learn together how to build a community in Christ. For 10 weeks, we will dig deep, wrestle together, and revisit our understanding of community.

What is a Christ-Centered Community?

A Christ-centered community is a diverse, dynamic network where Jesus Christ is at the center of everything. That community will guide individuals to grow in faith, support one another, and reflect God's love in word and action. A Christ-centered community, therefore, fosters genuine, transformative relationships, which is extremely essential to the Christian faith, and serve as a witness to the world.

In today's world, where loneliness, division, and superficial connections are rampant, the need for authentic, Christ-centered communities has never been greater. Unlike communities formed around common interests or proximity, a Christ-centered community centers on shared Christian values, which drive its members toward a common mission of love, grace, and service.

Biblical and Theological Foundation

Community is beautiful. "Look, how good and how pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1. Community is God's vision for His people, for the Church. Community is on God's heart. God is community. God exists as a divine community (the Trinity), and living in loving community reflects this divine nature. God created people to live together, not alone, and to experience life joyfully alongside one another, beginning in the Garden of Eden. Living in community is a creation mandate.

Following Jesus' example, we would embrace, work hard together to cultivate and build a community. Jesus Himself lived this out by forming a community of 12 friends and disciples, and His command was to love one another, a principle that is lived out in community. The book of Acts shows the powerful communal life of the early Church, characterized by prayer, teaching, fellowship, and support for one another.

Core Principles of a

Christ-Centered Community

- **Jesus as the Foundation:** The community begins with the non-negotiable truth that Jesus is the cornerstone. Its mission and priorities are shaped by His teachings rather than personal agendas.
- **Unity through Christ:** A Christ-centered community is marked by a deep sense of unity that transcends members' racial and linguistic differences, political affiliation, economic status, etc. This unity is formed through a shared identity and purpose in Christ.

- **Authentic Relationships:** Relationships are built on honesty, vulnerability, and mutual support, not superficial interactions.

Members feel safe to share their struggles and victories, extending grace to one another.

- **Commitment to Spiritual Growth:** This is a place where members are challenged to grow deeper in their faith. It involves regular worship, prayer, Bible study, and holding one another accountable.
- **A Culture of Service:** Following Jesus' example, the community prioritizes serving others with humility, both within the group and in the wider world.
- **Grace and Forgiveness:** Healthy communities face conflicts with humility and a focus on reconciliation, speaking the truth in love. Forgiveness is readily sought and extended, reflecting Christ's forgiveness.
- **Intentionality:** Building a Christ-centered community requires conscious effort, grace, and a shared commitment to living out the gospel.

LCPC, let's do it. It's awesome to engage in building such a community. If you are not already part of our PEAK class this semester, "Building a Community in Christ", it's not too late to join us every Wednesday. "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves" Romans 12:10.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef
Senior Pastor & Head of Staff



M6 is Monday, October 13, 6-7:30 PM

M6
is the new name
for Man Night,
Men and Meal
at 6 o'clock.
Plenty of food. Free.
Bring a friend.
Join us in
Mark and Cindy
Williams' backyard.
5234 Vista Miguel
Drive, La Canada.
We eat, worship,
pray and
share testimony.



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SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

MARIE & DANIEL ADAMS

Dear LCPC,

I write to you with a joyful heart, especially following the delightful visit Daniel and I had with you back in February. We loved introducing our children to the wonderful community at LCPC, and wearing t-shirts and shorts in winter was nice too! Thank you for your hospitality and continued care for our family and my ministry with InterVarsity, helping college students in Boston experience Jesus during their years in college before being sent to serve God in their places of work, communities, and churches.

This fall semester has begun with excitement already coming. Three quick glimpses:

- At Boston College, 70 students attended their first large group, and half were freshmen! 20 freshmen are coming to the freshmen Bible study there!
- At Berklee College of Music's first worship and prayer night, 35 students attended, and 17 were freshman or new to InterVarsity.

- At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), several freshman athletes came out to the first events, some Christian, and others open to faith conversations!

Pray with us for these new students to grasp hold of God and community in college.

Pray also toward one of our aims this year: for every InterVarsity student leader in Boston

to invite 5 non-Christians to an IV event (Bible study, worship night, or weekend retreat). Pray for courage for each student leader to invite, and for many students to accept the invitation. I also want to include a note of encouragement for you too: can you imagine what might happen if each person in LCPC

made five invitations to people around you to experience Jesus and community in a Bible study, prayer night, or Sunday church service this year?

This month: we received our new wineskins (a significant work God did among our team last year) and felt exhorted to be willing to stretch beyond what we have previously found

comfortable, knowing our new wineskins can hold. For me personally, that struck when I thought about my own sleep and early morning time with God. Following many years of young kids in the house needing help throughout the night, every minute of sleep is precious. Daniel and I adjusted to early bedtimes as a staple for us! Being stretched in sacrificing some of my sleep was confirmed again in another time of

prayer with church friends, so I began setting an alarm to wake up before Abigail (our earliest riser in the house) wakes up, so I can read a psalm and pray for the day ahead. These early morning moments have been transformative for me. I'm thankful for how it felt like God gently invited me back into this old rhythm of mine.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support! I am still raising support for this year. Visit givetetoIV.org/MarieAdams to begin or increase your personal support.

With joy and gratitude,

Marie & Daniel Adams, alongside Jonathan (6), Caleb (4) and Abigail (2).



DOT & PAT

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Kim girls attend Mountain Avenue Elementary and Daniel works as an Emergency Room Physician's Assistant at Glendale Adventist and Garfield hospitals.

Dot knew from a young age she was called to work with children. After working with Pat, Dot was the Children's Director and Director of Operations for a church in Pasadena for two years. Pat always knew she wanted to open a brick-and-mortar store to display her stationery and gift lines and decided La Crescenta was the perfect place for her adorable gift shop. Sidebloom, which opened in 2022, is just north of LCPC at 2914 Foothill Blvd. Not only is it one of the only gift shops in La Crescenta, but Pat hosts Second Saturday pop-ups, inviting other local small businesses to come to her shop and showcase their goods and talents on the second Saturday of each month. She is passionate about using her shop to build community and get people excited about what other small busi-

ness are doing right here in our town. As Pat eloquently puts it, "Beauty and community go hand in hand."

Since their children had been cared for at CFC from the time they were babies, both families made the decision to explore LCPC in 2023, after looking at other churches in the area. They loved that "LCPC was full of truly welcoming people." Their children also felt very much at home here, after attending CFC for so long.

Soon after, Dot had a dream that she worked at CFC. She didn't forget that dream, and when CFC administrative positions opened earlier this year, she felt called to apply. God had other plans, as the Director of Children and Family Ministries position opened about that same time, and it was perfectly aligned with Dot's skills and experience. The rest is history, and she has brought great ideas, fun and excitement to our growing children's program. Her thoughtful, sweet and hilarious children and nieces also brought new energy to LCPC!

The Kim and Shen families feel called to

raise their families together in this community. Pat and Dot are not only sisters but best friends, and they are cultivating that relationship in their children. They go on annual summer trips together and have Saturday night dinners to rest and enjoy fun as one big family. They are dedicated to being involved in the Crescenta Valley, not only in the church, but in various local activities and sports with their children. Daniel and Clarence both coach their girls' soccer and basketball teams.

Pat and Dot like to compare themselves to sisters Elsa and Anna from the Disney movie *Frozen II*! With five little ones watching the movie multiple times, they realize that they, too, are trying to restore and build a Kingdom, but it is God's Kingdom. Dot (Anna) works within the kingdom here at LCPC, spreading the gospel to families and children. Pat (Elsa) is working hard for the kingdom out in the wilderness of the world to spread love and the gospel in the community. We couldn't be happier to have both these amazing women and their families at LCPC.

The Deacons would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the blood drive such

a success this September. Thank you to all the participants who donated 42 pints of blood, the six people who attempted to donate, and all the volunteers providing a welcoming environment to all the visitors and donors. Lastly, a very special thank you to the organizers; this event would not have been possible without the leadership of Alice Hill and Hilary Norton.

On October's Communion Sunday, October 5, the Deacons will be welcoming Fall and our appreciation of the congregation by distributing apple spiced bread to each family



before the service. If you are unable to attend and would like a home delivery, please contact Mackenzie Roach or Alice Hill to coordinate a day and time for delivery.

Lastly, Save the Date for Vision Sunday on November 16. Following the service, the Deacons will host the annual Harvest Brunch. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends, and the community to enjoy a delicious meal together, express our gratitude for all that God has blessed us with, and show our appreciation for each other. We hope to see you there!

Faithfully in Him,
Dave

BISTRO 50+

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 14
12 NOON IN
KOOPMANS**

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

Afterwards, the Cruisers invite all to come and enjoy "Backyard Birding and Beyond" courtesy of John Gray who will share his pictures and his enjoyment of birds in the Crescenta Valley and beyond!



Hi, LCPC family! I'm excited to let you know that I will be serving as Interim Director of Student Ministries while our team searches for Izzy Cox's long-term replacement! For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, here is a little bit about me: I grew up at LCPC and was shaped by my years as a student in Abide, which gave me a deep love for Christ, for Christian community, and for serving students. Since 2019, I've had the privilege of volunteering with Abide, and in 2022 I joined the LCPC staff as our Digital Media Coordinator after completing my degree at Cal State Long Beach.

Being part of Abide has been foundational to my walk with Jesus, and I'm grateful for the chance to continue pouring into this ministry that has given me so much. I am also currently pursuing a Master's in Education at Azusa Pacific University, focusing on Educational and Clinical Counseling—training that has already shaped the way I care for and walk alongside students.

I am passionate about encouraging students in their faith and helping them discover the joy of following Christ. With that, I am

excited to let you know what we have on offer for students this year! Our official Abide Youth Group will meet on Tuesdays from 7-9pm; Fellowship Nights will take place during PEAK, on Wednesdays

from 6:15-7:15pm; and on Sunday mornings we will rotate between worship at our Contemporary and Classic services as well as our own Abide Sunday Small Group. Students of all ages are welcome at ALL of our events throughout the week.

Our Tuesday night teaching series is being led by a rotation of teachers from the LCPC community! This semester we are going through 1 Samuel. This series shows how God's people often struggled with leadership, trust, and identity — and how He kept pointing them back to Himself. We learn that chasing trends or trying to be "like everyone else" never works; what we truly need is God's rule in our lives. Through Samuel, Saul, David, and ultimately Jesus, God shows that His word shapes us, His rule frees us, and His faithfulness builds courage for whatever we face.

My hope is that this year will be a season of fun, growth, and spiritual formation for every student who walks through our doors. I'm excited for what God has in store for these students. Please don't hesitate to reach out or say hello!

Will Wolfswinkel



CALIFORNIA QUAIL



DARK-EYED JUNCOS

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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CFC CM KH SC SM W&M	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
	10:00 A Combined Service-Sanctuary	6:00 P SM Team-SC 7:30 P Stewardship Team-Zoom	11:00 A Tuesday Morning Bible Study-KH 7:00 P ABIDE Tuesday Nights-SC 7:00 P W&M Team-KH 7:00 P Men's Group-CE Office	6:30 A Men's Ministries-Zoom 5:30 P PEAK Dinner-KH 6:15 P PEAK Classes 7:30 P Choir-Chapel 7:30 P Outreach Team-Lib.	7:00 P Mission Team-Lib.		7:30 A Be Still-CE Office 8:00 A All Church Day of Service 9:30 A Cornerstone Crew
10:00 A Classic Worship-Chapel New Song Worship-Sanctuary 11:30 A Personnel-Lib. 11:30 A Deacons-KH	12	13	14	15	16	17	9:00 A MESSENGER DEADLINE 18
		6:00 P CFC Team-KH 6:00 P M6-Williams' home	11:00 A Tuesday AM Bible Study-KH 12:00 N Bistro 50+ -KH 1:00 P Cruisers-KH 7:00 P Men's Group-203 7:00 P ABIDE Tuesday Nights-SC 7:00 P Fellowship-Zoom	6:30 A Men's Ministries-Zoom 5:30 P PEAK Dinner-KH 6:15 P PEAK Classes 7:30 P Choir-Chapel	6:00 P Game Night-KH		7:30 A Be Still-CE Office 9:30 A Cornerstone Crew 10:00 A Women of LCPC
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Fall is in the air – I can smell the cinnamon brooms at the grocery stores and the pumpkin treats just thinking about them! Our favorite weekly activities are all back. **Pastor Mouris** has a full house for his **Tuesday Morning Bible Study, “A Journey Through the Book of Acts.”** Each Wednesday, PEAK has a big group of adults, learning to “Build a Community in Christ” with Pastor Mouris, and lively table discussions on the topic. **Dot** and the Children & Family Ministries team have an energetic group of kids attending each week, and **Will** is beautifully running **Abide PEAK** for our students. Everyone is also thrilled to have **John Arangio** cooking dinners for us again!

The Property Team would love to have your help at their **Fall All-Church Day of Service**, Saturday, October 4, 8 am-1 pm. Twice a year, we do much needed deep cleaning, weeding, gardening, repairs and organizing. Even if you can only come for an hour, there will be something for you to do. Bring work gloves and rags if you have them. **Contact Scott Carpenter** at Scottcarpenter7@outlook.com for any questions.

Monday, October 13, from 6-7:30 pm, men of all ages are invited to join **M6 Man Night** - Men and Meal at 6 o'clock – Catchy, huh? They'll meet in the Williams' fabulous backyard in La Canada. There will be plenty of food, worship, prayer and testimonies. It's all free and they'd love for you to bring a friend. For the Williams' address and more info, see page 2 or contact **Phil Van Horn** at Ballphild@gmail.com.

Are you a Birder? If so, you won't want to miss the **October Cruisers meeting** on Tuesday, October 14 at 1 pm in Koopmans, right after the **Bistro 50+** luncheon at Noon. Our resident bird expert **John Gray** will share his photos and enjoyment of birds in our area, in **Backyard Birding and Beyond!** **John & Sheri** have been spotted at Descanso Gardens with their binoculars - they're the real deal!

Our monthly **Fellowship and Game Night** is Thursday, October 16, 6-8pm in Koopmans. **Nancy Coler** would love for you to pop in and play a few rounds of cards or Rummikub with her!

The **Ladies of LCPC** are invited to a creative event Saturday, October 18, from 10 am-12 pm in Koopmans. LCPC member and local artist **Cindy Porcell** will be leading a **painting class** – no skill required because she's going to teach you step-by-step! For just \$10, she'll

FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



provide all the materials and instruction you need to paint your own beautiful Fall masterpiece. Sign up using the link in the weekly email or contact **Michele Fernandez** at fern7@sb-cglobal.net. Pay at the event by cash, check made out to LCPC, or Venmo payment to @LCPresbyChurch, and indicate for all forms of payment, “October

Women's Event.” We will serve coffee and tea, but feel free to bring a treat to share.

Bring your favorite fall dish to the **monthly potluck**, right after church on Sunday October 19 down in Koopmans. I know you've all been itching to make those cozy, comfort foods we're craving! Even if you don't have time to make something, join us anyways for lunch and great conversation!

Our LCPC middle and high school students are invited to a spooky **Halloween Party**, Tuesday, October 21 from 7-9 in our newly remodeled Student Center. Friends are always welcome! Contact Will.wolfswinkel@gmail.com for more info.

Families, kids and the whole community is welcome at our **3rd Annual Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Decorating Party**, Saturday, October 25 from 3-5 pm in the LCPC parking lot! Join us in your family friendly costume or favorite Halloween attire (no play weapons



please) and bring a bag for candy and treats, as you trick or treat from car to car. LCPC's had some impressively decked out cars in years past! There will be over **200 pumpkins** to decorate and take home, to add to your Halloween décor! The event is free and a great one to bring a friend to. Better yet, invite your whole neighborhood!

There are various ways you can support this event - bring your decorated vehicle; donate candy or money

to buy treats; check out the Amazon Wishlist for supplies needed; or help with the pumpkin activities. Be watching the weekly email and our website for a sign-up link and a link to the Wishlist.

We've had a few opportunities to serve some love and a meal to a **Door of Hope** family, through the **Missions Team Altadena Fire Recovery Project**. There has also been a **Habitat for Humanity Build Day** with another one coming up on Saturday, November 15. No experience is necessary, and this is open to all ages 16 and older. If you're interested in helping with any of these opportunities, contact **Cindy Guenther-Williams** to be added to the email list, csguenther50@gmail.com.

The Children and Family Ministries Team is excited to have launched their new program this fall – **Wonder Kids!** Kids start their morning together in room 203 for **Wonder Kids Worship**. They have three amazing dads volunteering by playing music and leading hand motions for the songs, and the kids are loving it! What a perfect way for our little ones to learn the joy of worshipping Jesus!

We have a new **contemporary sound technician** in the balcony. You know him as half of the Party in the Breezeway duo... drumroll please... **Leland Elmes** (who is a drummer in the CV Band.) **Adam Hill** will

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CHILDREN'S ministries



Hello, friends and families of LCPC!

We saw the official launch of WONDER Kids in September, our new Children's Ministry name

and vision. The mission of our ministry is to help our kids be filled with wonder as they learn about Jesus, and to cultivate the natural curiosity and delight that God has gifted each of them.

won · der: (n) a feeling of admiration, amazement, or awe at something beautiful, unexpected, or extraordinary;
(v) to marvel.

As the vision of our ministry continues to crystalize in the months ahead, we hope to develop our culture around these values - to foster an environment that invites kids to wonder at the beauty of Jesus, to ask deep (and hard) questions, and to love God with all their hearts, souls, and minds.

This October, we'll continue gathering for

Kids Worship on Sunday mornings, which has been such a beautiful time of praising God and learning the rhythms of corporate worship with our children. In Sunday School, we're learning about the many attributes of God, from His lovingkindness to His immutability, all with the purpose of developing in the kids a rightful sense of awe and wonder at the amazing God we worship.

At CFC, I'm continuing to meet with both the Preschoolers and school-age kids each week to sing songs, learn about Bible stories, and have discussions around who God is. I love connecting with the families of the school and getting to know all of these precious kids! Continuing to foster connection between LCPC and CFC remains a priority for me and I pray for more creative opportunities for connection throughout the fall.

And finally, we're utilizing Wednesday



evenings at PEAK to get preparations for the kids' participation in the Christmas Concert underway, and we're hopeful that the Lord will use this time to bring unity to the church, invite many to LCPC, and ultimately give all glory to Jesus. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as always! Chat again in November.

Blessings,
Dot

MOUSE

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still see his buddy from afar and is very capable to manage our Sunday Fellowship time on his own. In fact, when **Dave Eagle** was healing from a recent leg injury, Adam filled in as the **LCPC Sexton**. Dave has been our Sexton for many years, locking up the church every night, and Adam did a fine job keeping the LCPC campus secure under his watch. Did you know the word Sexton comes from a Latin word meaning "Custodian of sacred objects?" Thank you, **Dave** and **Adam**!

We had a fantastic turn out at our annual **LCPC Family Picnic** last month. Linda Winfield spoiled us all with her scrumptious desserts and had a special cake to celebrate **Darrell Fernandez** and **Karen Rice's** birthdays that night. **Dot** had fun games for the kids – parachutes, beach balls, relays and

a pinata. The weather was perfect – it was a wonderful evening all around. Thank you to all who supported the CFC **Jersey Mike's** Dine Out Night too!

LCPC "**Showed Up**" for the **CV High School Football games** to support our students last month, and we couldn't have been prouder! About 15 of us wildly cheered when **Dylan Johnson** made a fantastic fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown in the JV Game and **Leland Elmes** was the star of the CV Drum line and half-time show. What

a great evening enjoying the new CV Football stadium in our town and seeing our amazing students in action!

Precious little **Lilah Mae Matson** was baptized a few weeks ago, surrounded by her parents **James** and **Jillian**, big brother **Ethan**, grandparents **Sarah** and **Mark Kauffman** and James' parents. She was a perfect angel as **Pastor Mouris** walked her down the Sanctuary aisle to meet her new church family. **Uncle Josh** was beaming from the pews, but that might also be because he is newly engaged to his beautiful fiancé **Avery Hares-tad**! Congratulations to all the Kauffmans!

Greg and **Rachel Wolflick's** daughter **Molly** is also newly engaged to her beau of many years, **Rhys Julian-Jones**. Molly grew up in this church and is now pursuing her bachelor's degree at UCLA. We couldn't be happier for them, and to see love is growing strong here at LCPC! Talk to you all next month.





Director's Corner

PEAK

October is a wonderful month to celebrate both faith and family! Our Child Care Center is excited to support the church's PEAK (Praise and Education for Adults and Kids) program, which began on September 17 and continues for ten weeks on Wednesday evenings.

Families are invited to enjoy a delicious meal together (children \$3, adults \$5) from 5:30-6:15 pm, followed by engaging classes for all ages. Pastor Mouris is leading the adults in Building a Community in Christ, while Dot teaches PEAK classes for preschool through 6th grade, the children also get free time to socialize in the courtyard. Middle and high school students also have their own classes. This ministry brings together LCPC and CFC families to learn, grow, and strengthen our walk with Christ as a community. We encourage our CFC families to join us on these special evenings-it truly a blessing to share this time together.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

On Thursday October 10, our staff will gather for a Staff Development Day. CFC will be closed for students. We'll begin the morning breakfast and time to connect with one another from 8:00-9:00 a.m.- a rare and meaningful opportunity since we are usually so busy in our classrooms. The day will include CPR and First Aid training, curriculum planning, and a special speaker who will inspire our already amazing, creative, and loving teachers. Our focus will be on strengthening Play-based curriculum while integrating STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). By weaving these concepts into a play-based environment, children are naturally encouraged to explore, problem solve, and use creativity as they learn about the world around them. This time of professional growth is an investment in our teachers and ultimately a blessing to every child in our care.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

At the Center for Children, October also brings one of our favorite traditions: the Annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31, at 4:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to come watch as children dress up in creative costumes and parade around with big smiles and excitement. This event is always a highlight of the season and a joyful way to end the month.

As the leaves change and the days grow shorter, October reminds us of the importance of traditions and togetherness. Whether it's gathering midweek at PEAK, strengthening our team during staff development, or joining in the laughter of our Halloween parade, these shared moments weave lasting memories for our children. We are grateful to be a place where faith, family, and fun come together.

With love and gratitude,
Arpy Jahjah
CFC Director



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
BOTH SERVICES AT 10 AM

NEW SERMON SERIES
GOD'S TOP X
October 2025



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
COMBINED & COMMUNION
WORSHIP SERVICE

"Remember the Sabbath Day!"

Exodus 20:8-11; Hebrews 4:1-5

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

"Honor Your Father and Mother!"

Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

"You Shall Not Murder!"

Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Jesus' Prayer for Peter:

A Prayer of Support and Restoration!

Luke 22:31-34; Galatians 6:2; 1 Peter 5:7

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Rozfy

President, ETSC Cairo, Egypt

Guest Preacher on Sunday, October 26
Rev. Dr. Samuel Rozfy

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, we will welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Samuel Rozfy, President of the Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC) in Cairo, Egypt. ETSC was founded in 1863 by Presbyterian missionaries. Pastor Yousef earned his M.Div. from ETSC. ETSC

continues to equip leaders and pastors to serve in many countries in the Middle East including Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, and Sudan. ETSC is affiliated with the Synod of the Nile, Egypt, and has been a place for theological education and formation.



ALL-CHURCH
DAY OF SERVICE
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4,
8 AM - 1 PM

Twice a year, we gather to do much needed deep cleaning, weeding, gardening, repairs and organizing. Even if you can only come for an hour, there will be something for you to do. Bring work gloves and rags if you have them. **Contact Scott Carpenter** at Scottcarpenter7@outlook.com for any questions.

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