



# Christ • Community • Connect

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Weekly Word • Psalm 18:2

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## New This Week

### AFFECTED BY FIRES?

If any of our churches, schools or members have been affected by the recent and current fires, please contact Rev. Rick Stark at [rick.stark@i-lert.org](mailto:rick.stark@i-lert.org) or at 619-262-1089.

### TEMPORARY HOUSING NEEDED

One of our Interim Pastors, currently serving at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cypress is looking for temporary housing while serving this call. If you or someone you know, would be able to offer space or know of a temporary situation that may work, please contact Rev. Toby Joeckel at 702-523-6210 or at [pastortoby@outlook.com](mailto:pastortoby@outlook.com).

### PARENTING IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD

Come hear Dr. Buddy Mendez, a Psychologist from Newport Beach and professor at Concordia University in Irvine, speak about anxiety and how it is affecting the world around us today. Listen to some helpful tips, gain a better understanding of anxiety as a whole, and connect with other parents, educators, and friends who want to support their children/students struggling with anxiety. [Register](#) for this free seminar on **Tuesday, November 19, 6:30-8:00** in Walker Hall Auditorium at St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA. Childcare available for children up to 5th grade when you register.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY MORNING

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, CA invites you to a Breakfast Bible Study on **Saturday, November 9** featuring Dr. Carl Fickenscher of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. His topic will be "*Looking Forward to Sunday Morning*" which is also the title of his weekly Issues Etc. show and podcast. Breakfast starts at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall followed by the presentation at 9:00 am. RSVP to the Church office at 714-846-6330 or [churchoffice@redeemer-lutheran.net](mailto:churchoffice@redeemer-lutheran.net).

### HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Orange Lutheran High School presents "*High School Musical*." Performance dates: **November 7, 8, 9, 10** in the Alexandra Nechita Center. [Get Tickets](#)

### THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The Crean Lutheran Drama Department presents "*The Diary of Anne Frank*" a true story of a young Jewish girl who kept a diary of her time hiding from the Nazis in an attic of her father's office during World War II. This production brings to life the compelling drama about faith, hope, and dignity in the midst of the greatest evil of the 20th Century. Performance dates: **November 7, 8, 9** in the Black Box Theater. [Get Tickets](#)

# This Weekend!

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Looking for a unique gift or just like to shop? Join St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange for their annual Holiday Boutique on **Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. There will be over 80 vendors to shop from! Don't miss out on the huge raffle featuring items donated from your favorite vendors. Enjoy lunch as you shop! Bringing kids? Be sure to visit the Kid's Korner where there will be crafts, face painting, a bounce house, food and drinks. Admission is free! For more information call 714-637-2640.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Trinity Lutheran Church, Whitter's 14th Annual Holiday Boutique and Breakfast with Santa will be held on **Saturday, November 2** from **8:00 am to 12:00 noon**. We will have seasonal and holiday shopping with our fabulous local Makers and Direct Sales Representatives! Bring your camera and take your picture with Santa! Free admission. \$6.00 breakfast with Santa. For vendor information call Carrie at 562-699-7431 or Janet at 562-260-1883.

## GARY BONNER SINGERS

St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange invites you to join us on **Sunday, November 3, 4:00 pm** for the Gary Bonner Singers. You will love the sound of this 60-voice choir directed by Dr. Gary Bonner. There is no charge for these concerts, but a free will offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under age 5. For more information, please call 714-288-4431.

## IT TAKES ALL KINDS: REACHING OUT IN DYNAMIC TIMES

### 75th Southern California Lutheran Laymen's League Conference

The purpose of this one-day conference is to encourage and equip participants to step readily into today's outreach challenges, learn how to better share their faith, and prayerfully open their eyes to discover their own culture-crossing opportunities to proclaim Jesus to the world. This conference will be a blessing to all who have a desire to share the love of Jesus within their communities--especially for congregations where the mix of faces in the community are different than the mix of faces in church. Reaching out to people different than we are is vital both to the spread of the Gospel and to the health of our congregations. Register today for this free event being held on **Saturday, November 2** at Concordia University, Irvine.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING: STEPPING OUT IN COMPASSION

Join Lutheran Women in Mission for worship and a presentation on this compelling topic on **Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am**. Our speaker will be Tika Thornton from Journey Out; a group whose mission is to help victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking leave a life of abuse and violence, overcome their fears, and empower them to reach their full potential and achieve their goals. The event will be held at Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church, Sherman Oaks, CA. Cost of the event is \$12.00 paid at the door and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Please RSVP by October 20 to 818-869-4427. We are collecting grocery, gas, and fast food gift card for Journey Out.

## WOMEN'S FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION

Join us on **Saturday, November 2**, at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa for a boutique featuring almost 30 vendors, a delicious brunch, fabulous prizes and fellowship with special friends! The highlight of this year's event will be speakers Jake and Cindy Olson, "*Walking by Faith - Not by Sight.*" Hear the compelling story from Jake, who has been totally blind since the age of 12, and his mother Cindy about how faith and family shaped their lives and how Jake's faith and attitude have been an inspiration to others. Go to [cui.edu/faithandfriendship](http://cui.edu/faithandfriendship) for additional details and to register for this special day. All proceeds from this event go to student scholarships at Concordia University.

# Previously Posted

## CONCORDIA SEMINARY ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR IN PSD

You are invited to meet with Rev. Bill Wrede, Director of Admissions at Concordia Seminary, on **Tuesday, November 5** at Concordia University Irvine to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Appointments available between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Please contact Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or [wredew@csl.edu](mailto:wredew@csl.edu) to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Pre-Sem Dinner is being held at 5:00 pm, RSVP to Pastor Wrede.

## HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR MICHAEL HAYES

Join Pastor Michael Hayes and St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA on a trip to Israel, February 22-March 5, 2021. This is your chance to see, hear, walk, and sail where Jesus' first disciples saw, heard, walked, and sailed! **Information meeting: Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 pm**, both held in the Garage Youth Center at St. John's. Pick one that works best for you and come hear about this incredible opportunity to experience the land of Israel! Questions? Contact Megan Guebert 714-288-4488 or [mguebert@stjohnsorange.org](mailto:mguebert@stjohnsorange.org). For more information click [here](#).

## WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

First Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach is excited to bring you the Watoto Children's Choir performing their brand new album, *"We Will Go."* You are invited to attend this free concert on **Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm**. As the children share their personal stories and present live worship music from Uganda, you'll see firsthand the power of God's love transforming lives around the world. For more information contact Rebecca Itow at 310-545-5653 ext. 229.

## MULTI-CULTURAL GATHERING

As churches and ministries in increasingly multi-cultural contexts, we are faced with the challenge and opportunity of engaging our communities in new ways. In this year's gathering, we have five speakers in unique contexts sharing how they engage their communities with the Gospel and navigate the dynamics of culture. Their stories will stimulate conversation for the entire group to help us think through our own contexts and how we can be more effective in our own ministry settings. Join us **Thursday, November 14, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** at Concordia University Irvine in the Grimm Hall Conference Center. This event is free and lunch is included. A free will offering will be collected for our speakers. For questions regarding the gathering please contact David Sargenti at [dsargenti@gracelcms.net](mailto:dsargenti@gracelcms.net).

## BACH CANTATA VESPERS

St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange invites you to join us on **Sunday, November 17, 7:00 pm** for Bach Cantata Vespers *"God the Lord is Sun and Shield"* presented by the Cathedral Singers, soloists, orchestra and organ. This cantata was written for the Reformation Festival of 1725. It contains the choral arrangement of *"Now Thank We All Our God."* There is no charge for these concerts, but a free will offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under age 5. For more information, please call 714-288-4431.

## LCMS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MEDIA KIT

The Christmas season presents an opportunity to invite people to your church to learn the full meaning of this sacred time. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, in coordination with LCMS Communications, has developed a congregational media kit to help you advertise your Christmas services and facilitate discussion within your community. We are pleased to make the following items available for you and your congregation to use in reaching out to your community this Advent and Christmas. The items are designed to allow you to add your own invitation and details about your congregation's Christmas services. You are invited to use these resources to advertise your congregation or simply to generate opportunities for pastoral conversations. [Access Media Kit](#)

## LUTHERAN HOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONS

In *Call His Name Jesus*, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent devotions for 2019, we encounter an oft-told story in fresh, new ways. During the Christmas season, we focus our thoughts on that moment in time when God became one of us. This miracle of miracles, this most unlikely story, begins with the Christ Child, God in the flesh, who was born poorly, humbly, vulnerably into this world of sin and darkness. Customize, download and print 2019 Advent Devotions from LHM by clicking [here](#).

## ANNUAL INTERIM MINISTRY RETREAT

### SAVE THE DATE: Rev. Dr. Bruce Hartung to Speak at Three Rivers Retreat

Dr. Bruce Hartung will be the main retreat leader at the 24th Annual Interim Ministry Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers, California. The dates are **January 20-22, 2020**. Dr. Hartung, Professor Emeritus from Concordia Seminary St. Louis has been a frequent speaker and participant at many of our National Interim Ministry Conferences. He is an engaging speaker and we can look forward to his insights regarding the work and impact of Intentional Interim Pastors. Though the retreat was originally planned as continuing education for interim Pastor's many others have joined us for this educational experience, including circuit visitors, settled pastors and others interested in Interim Ministry. Complete information and registration will be forthcoming, available on the PSD Website. But for now save these dates and consider joining a group of dedicated pastors who will gather to learn and to fellowship together.



## ANCHORED IN JESUS

The 2020 Lutheran Hour Ministries Tournament of Roses Parade float *Anchored in Jesus*, our first ever underwater scene, will provide the opportunity to proclaim Jesus Our Hope. **Float riders will be led by Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson (PSD President) and his wife Kathy.** Joining them will be Deaconess Noemi Guerra and her father, Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala, who host LHM's Sentido Latino. The float is a self-funded project of the Southern California District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. Click [here](#) to donate or mail your gift to: Lutheran Hour Float Committee, PO Box 20044, Riverside, CA 92516-0044.

## TIME TO SIGN-UP TO DECORATE ROSE PARADE FLOATS

The 2020 Lutheran Hour Ministries Tournament of Rose Parade Float, titled *Anchored in Jesus* fits perfectly under the parade theme of The Power of Hope. Just as an anchor secures a mighty vessel, saving faith in Jesus Christ provides security during all seasons of life - not only for this life on earth, but for eternity. The only Christian float in parade, the LHM float is decorated by as many as 5,000 Petal Pushers® volunteers from across North America. Please go to [petalpushers.org/reg](http://petalpushers.org/reg) and sign up to decorate.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

### High School DYG

Building on the LCMS Youth Gathering, under the theme of Present to the End, PSD Youth & Family Ministry is excited to announce the return of the High School District Youth Gathering (DYG).

Date: **January 24-26, 2020**

Location: DoubleTree – Palm Springs

Early Registration Deadline: December 9, 2019 - \$220

Late Registration Deadline: January 6, 2020 - \$270

Hotel Reservation Deadline: January 10, 2020 - \$149/room plus tax and \$10 daily resort fee

Go to [psd-youthandfamily.org/hsdyg](http://psd-youthandfamily.org/hsdyg) for information and the registration packet with promotional tools.

### Jr. High DYG

The Jr. High DYG returns to the campus of Concordia University Irvine Feb. 29-Mar. 1, 2020.

### The Summit (4th-6th Grade)

The Summit will again be at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine, April 25, 2020.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Our ministry to children and families is critical. Therefore the district will be hosting a conference with presenters focusing on the issues that matter most in this area of ministry. Join us **June 16-18, 2020** on the campus of Concordia University Irvine and hear from keynote speaker, David Kinnaman of the Barna Group and others on the theme of "Rally Together."

Early Registration: \$110 - Deadline: March 2, 2020

Early Group Rate (4+): \$90 - Deadline: March 2, 2020

Late Registration: \$140 - Deadline: June 2, 2020

Housing is available at Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, John Wayne Airport and on the CUI campus.

Hotel Rates: King (1-2 per room) - \$119/night; Double (2-4 per room) - \$129/night

CUI Rates - Double Occupancy - \$45 for 2 nights; Single Occupancy - \$65 for 2 nights (No AC in dorms)

For more information and to register starting November 25, 2019, click [here](#).

## Contact Us

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# Prayer & Praise

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

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at [kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org](mailto:kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org)

## Prayer Requests

**California Fires** - Prayers for the fire fighters, first-responders and all those affected by the numerous fires burning across California.

**Victoria Wauffle**, PSD Director of Lay Ministry Training is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday, October 23.

**Mark Nadeau**, as well as the team serving him which includes his family along with the medical team. Mark is fighting a cancer that scars bone marrow and reduces blood production. Mark is a husband, father to three, and friend to many in the Body of Christ and beyond.

**Rev. Bill Nadeau**, Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church, Cordes Lakes will be going in for major back surgery. Please pray for swift recovery and those who will be treating and caring for him.

## Installation Services

**Timothy Chen** will be Ordained at **Concordia Lutheran Church, Cerritos, CA** on **Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 pm**. All pastors please robe and wear red stoles.

**Rev. Robert Jones** will be Installed at **Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Riverside, CA** as Pastor of Discipleship on **Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 pm**. You are invited to attend the festival service and dinner reception following the service. Clergy are asked to bring red stoles and participate in the laying on of hands. All who plan to stay for dinner are asked to RSVP at [info@immanuelriverside.com](mailto:info@immanuelriverside.com). Soli Deo Gloria!

**Rev. Aaron Rosales Smith** will be installed as Senior Pastor of **Grace Lutheran Church and Christian School, Escondido, CA**, on **November 3 at 3:00 pm**. Participating pastors are asked to wear red stoles. A light meal reception will follow. Please RSVP to Yoke Tanko at [ytanko@gracelcms.net](mailto:ytanko@gracelcms.net) or 760-745-0831.

## Anniversary Celebrations

**Trinity Lutheran Church of Indio, CA** will celebrate their 70th Anniversary on **Sunday, November 17** with a special combined worship service at **9:30 am**. Following the service will be a celebration with food, music and a review of our Lord's many historical blessings/accomplishments; including a view toward His continued faithfulness in guiding us in future ministry to make disciples near and far away. Please celebrate with us our Lord's manifold blessings of life and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Continued Prayers

**Rev. Edward Ambrose** – vascular/orthopedic issues

**Jo Ambrose** – fighting bone cancer

**Owen Arizmendi** - battling Krabbe Leukodystrophy

**Dora Collins** - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

**Rev. Alfonso Conrado** - dementia, paralysis and diabetes

**Rev. Dave Gruenhagen** - fighting cancer

**David Hendry** – suffering from dementia

**Kim Ingwersen** - battling ALS, recovering from injury

**Rev. Ray Kibler** – immunodeficiency disease and cancer

**Jenny Lawson** - fighting cancer

**Marla Lichtsinn** - fighting cancer

**Rev. Johnny Lopez** - fighting cancer

**Rev. Harry Matelski** - fighting agent orange diabetes

**Susan Matelski** - inoperable deteriorating spine

**Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller** - treatment for a brain tumor

**Rev. Hal Teuscher** – fighting cancer

**Rev. Gary Trickey** - fighting cancer

**Jenny Yue** - battling liver infection