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Beloved of God,

May has arrived! I hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather we have had lately. I also hope you have been enjoying this Easter season. You heard correctly, Easter is a season! Eastertide is the name of the season that begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and runs through Pentecost. It is sometimes called the Great 50 Days.

Consider the math for a moment: we journey through 40 days of Lent in preparation for a 50 day celebration of Christ's resurrection. I hope we are as intentional in our celebrations as we are in our various Lenten disciplines. Even small gestures can help us mark this time with celebration. I encourage you to find some time each day to reflect on Jesus' resurrection, you could perhaps even make it a greeting in your home for the rest of the season. Imagine greeting your family members with, "He is risen!" This is the great truth that marks our lives.

I hope you are enjoying our new series, Good Neighbor. I hope you are finding the series inspirational, and you are finding practical ways to grow in love of your neighbors. If you see God at work in your neighborhood as you begin to put your love into action, I would enjoy hearing the story.

Last month we paused our **Everyday Mission** series. I want to pick it up again by offering another simple way to be involved in regular

mission. The purpose of this series in the newsletter is to offer easy ways to engage individuals in our culture with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is important to remember that in our culture, a significant number of individuals have never been involved in a church community and what they know of Christians has largely been learned from popular culture.

So, here is **Everyday Mission** idea number three. Find something you enjoy doing, and do it with people who are not Christians. Do you like to garden? Join a gardening club and get to know people who belong. Do you like to run? Join a running group, or invite a neighbor or coworker to run with you. Do you enjoy movies? Start a group that watches movies and then gets together to discuss them over drinks afterward. You get the idea. Find something you like to do and do it with new people. This can be a great way to build new relationships with people, and it allows for conversations about life and faith to develop organically. I encourage you to give this a try, and as always, if you do I would love to hear your stories.

See you in worship!  
Jonathan



## ALL CHURCH

### Who Am I?

LVHPC has been my church family since 1981. My husband and I moved from Nashville and looked for a year to find a place we could call home. Our two children grew up in this church and because of the lessons learned here, have a deep faith journey as adults.

As an educator serving special needs and at risk youth, my church experience helped guide me in ways to encourage growth and promote healing. In fact, some of my co-workers also attend this church.

When my husband became ill, this church family supported me and helped me to process his loss. I have been a part of this church family as we have welcomed four pastors and two interim pastors. We have grown together and supported each other as we journey together in faith. I am blessed with many memories. Who am I?

## *Global and Community Awareness Fair*

*Sunday, June 11, 2017  
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

*The Mission Ministry Group cordially invites you to meet our partners in mission who we support financially and with prayers. Come learn more about their ministries and find out how you can get involved. Enjoy the celebration!*

**EVERYONE IS INVITED  
TO CELEBRATE!!**

**What:** Jo Renkema's 90th Birthday

**When:** Thursday, May 18  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Open House

**Where:** Hillcrest Lounge

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS for May



David Grasmick	5/2
Gabriel Hughes	5/3
Tomi Tomita	5/3
Raul Magana	5/4
Philip Salyards	5/4
Mary Grasmick	5/5
Ruth Dorman	5/5
Scott Cormode	5/6
Lynn Hughes	5/6
Cynthia Wootan	5/6
Pam Stout	5/7
Marcia Edmondson	5/9
Mary McCune	5/9
Natasha Laushkin	5/10
Ryan Thompson	5/11
Judy Davies	5/13
Jack Walls	5/14
La Verne Green	5/17
Nicholas Jeske	5/18
Johanna Renkema	5/18
Lucy Boles	5/22
Elizabeth Cormode	5/22
Nick Laushkin	5/23
Peggy Tomita	5/24
Richard Pede	5/25
Jane Riggs	5/25
Bill Gray	5/29

If we've missed your birthday, please contact Jenny in the church office so we can enter it into the database.

**ALL CHURCH**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Adult Education**  
**by Scott Cormode or Steve Davis**

May 7	Romans 14
May 14	Romans 15
May 21	Romans 16

**Upcoming New Member Class**

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about how to become a member at LVHPC, here is your opportunity!

3 Sundays - May 14, 21 & 28  
 10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
 Library

Please call the office and leave your name so we know how many people to expect.

**LVHPC Men's Breakfast**


When? 3rd Saturday every month  
 7:30 through 9:30 a.m.

Where? Laird Hall, LVHPC  
 1040 Baseline Road, La Verne

What? Food (bring your favorite breakfast goodie to share)  
 Good stories  
 Sharing and fellowship  
 Bible Study and Prayer

*Both your soul and your stomach will be glad you came!*

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**




Our 2016-2017 bible study on the book of Joshua has ended. We look forward to September when the new study will start. The book of 1st Thessalonians has been chosen for the next session. Call Linda Sites for more information (909) 599-8051.

Ladies' Bible Study

**CHILDREN**

**LVHPC Kids Programming**  
**(for children ages birth - 5th grade)**



Nursery care: 9:00 - 11:30am  
 \* Birth to 2 years old

Kids Worship: 9:15 - 10:15am  
 \* Bible lesson, music and play for ages 2years- 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Recess and snack time: 10:15 - 10:45  
 \* Recess is held on the playground.

Wiggles and Giggles: 10:45-11:30  
 \*Story and play time for 2's-Kindergarteners

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Enrichment: 10:45 – 11:30  
 \*Creative and varied lessons for 1-5<sup>th</sup> Graders

**YOUTH**

**Youth Ministry**  
 Jr. & Sr. High School

Sundays: 10:40 - 11:30 a.m.  
 Youth Room  
 Christian Formation Center  
 (by the south parking lot)

**Youth Group**  
 Sun., May 7– 5:00 Movie Night (tbd)  
 Sun., May 14 - NO Youth Group  
 Sun., May 21– 5:00 Dinner (location tbd)  
 Sun., May 28 - 5:00 Bowling @ Chapparral Lanes, San Dimas.

**ALL CHURCH**

**THANK YOU!**  
Thank you for your many expressions of concern at the time of Don's emergency surgery and the death of our grandson Mike.  
Your prayers were felt during a very difficult week. We are blessed to be a part of a loving church family.  
With Our Love, Don & Phyllis Ebersole

**INLAND VALLEY HOPE PARTNERS  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
May 11, 2017  
Sierra Lakes Golf Club, Fontana  
more info: [www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org](http://www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org)

Who Am I ? Patricia Guild



**ALL CHURCH**

David & Josey article

## MINISTRY GROUPS

Our church organizes its work around ministry groups, which are:  
 Small groups of church members and friends  
 Who gather together for a period of time  
 To undertake a common mission to which they feel called  
 And to build a life together in Christ.

There are currently eight such groups at LVHPC:

- **Connect:** Welcoming, Connecting & Growing Together
- **Creation Care:** working on environmental issues
- **Dorcas:** knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, & painting items for the needy
- **Homelessness:** providing care for Pomona Valley homeless
- **ICON:** working regionally in eldercare, trash-control, child safety and jobs
- **Missions:** building mission support both internationally and locally
- **Pomona Hope:** providing tutoring for Pomona's children and youth
- **Providence Children's Home:** caring for Kenyan orphans.

Interested? Contact Patricia Guild, (909) 980-7521 or patricia.guild@icloud.com

Mission Ministry Group thanks all who volunteered for the "Spring Service Day" at David & Margaret Youth and Family Services on April 4th. We raked leaves, unboxed donations of ceramics, unpacked boxes for the "birthday room" of various toys, household goods, stationary items 7 sporting goods. Our Mission partner was very appreciative of our hard work and thanked us with a fabulous lunch.

### CHURCH-WIDE BUNCO EVENT THIS SATURDAY!

Come even if you didn't get a chance to sign up! However do let us know if you need childcare. Bunco, a dice game of chance, is easy to learn if you have never played before. Come enjoy time with our LVHPC church family. It is also an opportunity to bring a friend. On Saturday May 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 we will have a fun filled evening as we gather in Laird Hall. If you have never played here is your opportunity to find out what it is. (Husbands now you can find out about that game your wife has played.)

Activities for kids 3rd grade and under will be in the CFC. Older children can play Bunco with their church family.

Looking forward to filling Laird Hall up with card tables and lots of laughter! You are welcome, but not obligated, to bring a snack (non-sticky finger food type) to share or a white elephant gift for a prize. One person's give away can be another's treasure! We will also need to borrow card tables.

If you have questions or need childcare call Joanne Salyards 909 477 4716 or call the church office.

Coordinated by Connect MG

### SATURDAY DORCAS

**We will meet from 9:30-12:30 in Laird Hall.** If you enjoy quilting, knitting, sewing, crocheting or stitching, please join us! Contact Genie Cormode (626) 329-3937 (text ok) or gcormode@gmail.com.

Also mark your calendar for future Saturday Dorcas in Laird from 9:00-12:00 (unless otherwise noted)

May 13	September 9 (9 - 3 pm)
June 10	October 14
July 8	November 11
August 12	December 9



# WHAT'S HAPPENING? AT LVHPC IN MAY

May 2017						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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<p><b>MAY 1</b>                  1:30 p.m. - Dorcas (Laird)                  6:30 p.m. - Mission Ministry Group                  7:00 p.m. - Small Group (Library)</p> <p><b>MAY 2</b>                  9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study Breakfast                  Pepper Tree Restaurant,                  Glendora</p> <p><b>MAY 3</b>                  10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Office)                  7:00 p.m. - Connect Ministry Group                  (Laird)                  7:30 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 4</b>                  7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 7</b>                  Pastor out all week / Retreat                  8:00 a.m. - Choir/Praise Team rehearsal                  9:00 a.m. - Worship                  10:40 a.m. - Adult Ed                  5:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Movie Night                  (location to be determined)</p> <p><b>MAY 8</b>                  7:00 p.m. - Providence MG                  VBS construction begins                  all month in west Laird Hall</p> <p><b>MAY 10</b>                  No Staff Meeting                  5:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Office)                  6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee (Office)                  7:00 p.m. - Connect Ministry Group</p> <p><b>MAY 11</b>                  7:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting (Laird)                  7:00 p.m. - Session Vision Meeting                  (CFC)                  7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 13</b>                  8:00 a.m. - Homeless Brkfast (Pomona)                  9:00-12:00 - Dorcas (Laird Hall)</p>	<p><b>MAY 14</b>                  8:00 a.m. - Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal                  9:00 a.m. - Worship                  10:40 a.m. - Adult Ed                  10:40 a.m. - New Member Class                  No Youth Group Today</p> <p><b>MAY 15</b>                  1:30 p.m. - Dorcas (Laird)                  7:00 p.m. - Small Group (Library)</p> <p><b>MAY 17</b>                  10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Office)                  7:30 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 18</b>                  7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 20</b>                  7:30-9:30pm Men's Breakfast (Laird)</p> <p><b>MAY 21</b>                  8:00 a.m. - Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal                  9:00 a.m. - Worship                  10:40 a.m. - Adult Ed                  10:40 a.m. - New Member Class                  11:45 a.m. - VBS Lunch &amp; Training                  5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Dinner                  (location to be determined)</p> <p><b>MAY 22</b>                  1:30 p.m. - Dorcas (Laird)                  7:00 p.m. - Small Group (Library)</p> <p><b>MAY 24</b>                  10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting                  7:30 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 25</b>                  7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting (CFC)                  7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MAY 27</b>                  8:00 a.m. - Homeless Brkfast (Pomona)</p> <p><b>MAY 28</b>                  8:00 a.m. - Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal                  9:00 a.m. - Worship                  10:40 a.m. - Adult Ed                  10:40 a.m. - New Member Class                  5:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Bowling @                  Chapparal Lanes, San Dimas</p> <p><b>MAY 29</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY</b>                  Office Closed</p> <p><b>MAY 31</b>                  10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting                  7:30 p.m. - Praise Team Rehearsal</p>
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