



Community Lutheran Church

*Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38*



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OFFICE HOURS:
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

*Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Last Sunday of every month: 10:00 am

*9:00 am only during summer months starting May 7th

*Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:
Living Christ's love in all we do.*

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



“The True Freedom to Celebrate”

At the time of this writing, the Fourth of July is fast approaching. And in thinking about our ministry for our July newsletter, it is hard for me to ignore Independence Day. I have to admit that after Easter Sunday, my favorite holiday is the Fourth of July.

I love my country and I love American ideals. And I firmly believe that American ideals are very close to being Christian, but not exactly.

That “not exactly” part of what I just said is the consternation that all Christians live with in our country. We believe that the American ideals (including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; the freedoms of religion, speech, and press and equal rights for all; and striving to have a more just government for all people) are certainly an important part of the loving life of peace that God has called us to live in Christ Jesus.

But when the apostle Paul talks about freedom and peace in Romans 6 and in Galatians 5, he is describing the freedom and peace that only God can give us through Christ's salvation. We are not simply free to do whatever we want in Christ, we are free to be more loving, more forgiving, more

hopeful in our outlook on life, and more faithful to God. This is freedom from the harms of our sinfulness and this freedom is the peace that we share in Christ's love.

But when we try to make freedom and peace as something that we do ourselves and make God an afterthought, then we are not truly living in the true freedom and peace that Christ gives.

I know that many people claim that the United States was formed on Christian values. But the problem is we often try to hijack Christian values and make them about what we do, rather than seeing them as signs of what God is doing in our midst.

The type of freedom that we often strive to live as American citizens is what Paul describes as just another form of slavery. But the freedom that Christ gives is hope and dignity for the lives of those around us and it is not just for ourselves.

So pray for our country. Pray especially for those whom you disagree with politically; after all, this is their country as well. Pray that we will learn to

work together in loving, forgiving, and hope-filled ways. And trust that God is already leading us to do just that.

My favorite patriotic hymn is the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. And I especially love the third verse of that hymn that says about Christ, “As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on.” God is marching on. So let’s follow in the way of Christ as citizens of the United States of America.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

In Christ’s peace,
Pastor Tim



Notes from Church Council

SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECT

In order to clean and maintain the stream in the memorial garden it will be necessary for the pump to be turned off. The stream will be drained and allowed to dry. When it is dry, the stream bed (rocks) will be cleaned to remove the accumulated growth. Our landscapers will be completing this task through the summer.

In reality our stream will be in the same condition as many desert streams during the hot summer months. It will be dry until conditions allow our stream to flow again.

Jan Parrott
Council President



WATER

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up and donated water these past weeks. You are so appreciated.! That being said, our supply has increased so much that we do NOT need anymore at this time. God is good!! And so are you!!

CHURCH CHIOR Notes

The choir will be on hiatus until September. You are still invited to join when they convene again. Something to think about!



Stewardship of Civility

There used to be a wise saying about arguments that helped keep things civil. One party or the other would say, “I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it.”

That sounds downright quaint in today’s climate, where partisans are more likely to say, “I disagree with what you say, and you are evil and have no right to that opinion!”

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, we can relish the freedoms we take for granted, including freedom of speech, religion, and assembly.

At the same time, as Christians we remember Jesus’ commands not only to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) but also to do unto others as we would have them do to us (Matthew 7:12). The “neighbors” and “others” certainly include those who hold different ideas on issues of the day.

How can we celebrate our freedom of expression in the context of Jesus’ commands?

Listen carefully, being open to another person’s ideas.

Respond thoughtfully and calmly, citing facts to support your argument.

Do not attack the person, only the ideas.

If things get too heated, discontinue the discussion.

Remember the wise old saying, “I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it.”

We are stewards of our relationships with our neighbors. As followers of Jesus, we can be stewards of civility and lead our country to calmer, more amicable times.

--Rob Blezard

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Women’s Group

Next Women’s bible study is on sabbatical until September.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser is planned for October 21st.



Outreach Committee

Their mission is to send cards to people who are ill, people who can’t come to church for whatever reason and people who have not attended in a long time. So if you know someone in these categories, let Toni Wold or the office know.



Carole Gallagher and Kathy Cochran invite you to join us in our support of [Petal Pushers®](#)– the official name created by our own Carole Gallagher in 1968. Yes, Carole came up with the name [Petal Pushers®](#)

[Petal Pushers®](#) has grown to a group of 4,000-5,000 volunteers from across the US and Canada, who come together between Christmas and New Year to decorate floats for the [Tournament of Roses Parade](#) in Pasadena, California. These volunteers are organized and coordinated by the [Lutheran Hour Ministries](#) celebrating 73 years of witnessing the gospel message in the [Rose Parade](#). Volunteers decorate the [LHM](#) float along with as many as nine additional floats. [Phoenix Decorating](#), our float builder, donates to [LHM](#) in proportion to the number of hours worked by the [Petal Pushers®](#) volunteers. In short, our time pays to design, decorate, and operate the [LHM](#) float. Floats in the parade are specific to a theme and must be **COMPLETELY** covered in flowers and plant material.

So why do we care?

Carole and Kathy met at [Community Lutheran](#) through one of those moments Kathy calls **WOW GOD!** They connected because of their love of flowers.

Carole was raised in the Los Angeles/Montebello area. Born and raised a Missouri Synod Lutheran, Carole attended Lutheran grammar and high school. After Carole’s 8th Grade confirmation, she was able to join [Walther League](#) enabling her to become a participant in decorating the [LHM](#) float. During the 1960’s Carole’s was part of a team of volunteers supervising “petal pushers” secure the plant material to the [LHM](#) float frame. Carole and her family were asked to be the family depicting *Life in Christ* on the 1968 Rose Parade float. Carole’s background in nursery and floral eventually led her to a position as Flower Coordinator estimating, ordering, and distributing the flowers and plant material used for the floats. Carole was instrumental in introducing seeds, and Petal Pusher sweatshirts which are now needed to participate in the decorating. Carole’s involvement continues as she has reconnected with Petal Pushers and was honored at the **2023 Behind the Scenes** affair which is held each year on December 30.

Kathy was born and raised in Azusa as a Missouri Synod Lutheran, including 8 years of Lutheran school. As a Missouri Synod kid raised in southern California, Vacation Bible School, [Walther League](#), and the Rose Parade were almost as big a deal as Disneyland, Marineland and Knotts Berry Farm. Kathy put flowers on floats in Pasadena before she even knew how to get to Pasadena. As a youth Kathy celebrated more than one New Years Eve on Colorado Boulevard just to get a front row seat for the Rose Parade on New Years Day. Kathy’s dad, mom, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends were active with [Petal Pushers®](#). So, the family was active with [Petal Pushers®](#).

Carole heard that Kathy was involved in decorating [Rose Parade](#) float. Carole connected with Kathy and the rest is history.

Be a part of this year’s history making event. For information contact Carole or Kathy.

Kathy Cochran

(760) 964-6371 text or call

Carole Gallagher

(928) 201-0586 text or call

135th Rose Parade

Rose Parade and Southern California Sightseeing Tour

December 28, 2023 — January 02, 2024

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DEC. 28 WELCOME TO SUNNY CALIFORNIA "THE GOLDEN STATE" (D)

Upon arrival at LAX or Ontario Airport, collect your luggage and transfer on your own to the hotel. This evening meet with the others in the group at the welcome dinner.

DEC. 29 FLOAT DECORATING DAY (B, L)

Early morning departure for a day of "pushing petals" and float decorating in the exciting final stages of preparing the floats for the Rose Parade. Lunch provided at decorating pavilion.

This is the 73rd year that the Southern California District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League has been invited to enter a float. As "Petal Pushers" we have the honor of decorating many meaningful floats in the parade.

After our decorating day, the group will attend the *Behind the Scene* reception at the pavilion including desserts and beverage, and a docent-guided tour of the spectacular floats before returning to our LHM float for one-final group photo before returning to the hotel.

What a glorious day, knowing that we had a part in proclaiming Christ and glorifying God.

DEC. 30 RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, LA SIGHTSEEING (B)

Today a professional tour guide will join the group to share some of the fascinating history of Southern California. First stop, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Experience the legacy of Ronald Reagan, and his Air Force One, visit the Oval Office and the life of a president. After time for lunch on your own, continue on to Los Angeles for a narrated driving tour through Beverly Hills, view Hollywood's Walk of Fame- home to the historic handprints of iconic celebrities and the famous theater known for the "Oscars".

DEC. 31 WORSHIP SERVICE, MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, LAGUNA BEACH, NYE DINNER (B, D)

We begin our day with worship service with at the nearby church. Afterwards we meet our professional tour guide who will lead you on a tour of the Mission San Juan Capistrano and learn more about the history of this historic city. Time for shopping and lunch before we return to our hotel. Return to the hotel with

time to freshen up before the group meets to ring in the New Year with a New Year's Eve dinner celebration.

JAN. 01 135TH ROSE PARADE®, FLOAT FEST (B, L)

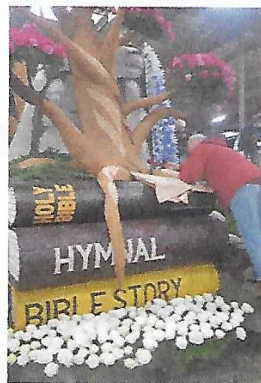
The event we came to see is about to begin. Our grand-stand reserved seats are located along Colorado Blvd. What an opportunity to see first-hand the amazing floats, the precision and music of the marching bands and equestrian groups. And as the beautifully decorated Lutheran Hour float passes by we'll jump to our feet and applaud, knowing that we have, in our own way, helped make it happen. Our group will have lunch before returning to the "Float Fest" to view the floats up close as we walk within feet of these floral masterpieces parked along 2 miles of city streets.

JAN. 02 DEPARTURE DAY (B)

What a way to begin the New Year! Today, we bid farewell to our new friends and take home the lasting memories of our week of "once-in-a-lifetime" experiences and Christian fellowship.

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ 5-Nights Deluxe Hotel-DoubleTree by Hilton Claremont
- ✓ "Hands-on" Float Preparation and Decorating
- ✓ Private Motor Coach throughout tour
- ✓ Breakfast Daily, 2- Lunch, 2- Dinner
- ✓ New Year's Eve Celebration Dinner
- ✓ Gratuities for included meals
- ✓ Admission for all listed visits
- ✓ Mission San Juan Capistrano tour
- ✓ The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Museum
- ✓ Hollywood and Beverly Hills Sightseeing
- ✓ Rose Parade Grand-Stand Seat
- ✓ Souvenir Parade Program
- ✓ Complimentary Petal Pushers Sweatshirt
- ✓ "Float Fest" Post Parade Float viewing
- ✓ All Local City Tax and Hotel Tax



ENJOY A FULFILLING DAY OF DECORATING SOME OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL AND INSPIRATIONAL FLOATS INCLUDING THE ONLY CHRISTIAN FLOAT IN THE PARADE!

Tour Prices are Per Person

\$1890 Double, Triple, Quad Occupancy
\$2390 Single Occupancy

Need Extra Hotel Nights Before and After the tour?

Add \$175 p/night room and tax for 2

Register by July 31, 2023 and Save \$100 each!



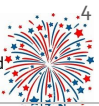
Tour package does not include air transportation, gratuities for local guide and coach driver, meals not listed or trip cancellation insurance. Tour price, itinerary, accommodations subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. If conditions necessitate changes LT's reserves the right to substitute with equivalent alternative. Review LutherTours Terms & Conditions of Travel including cancellation policy. LutherTours is a proud contributor to the LHM float committee.

READY TO REGISTER?

Visit LUTHERTOURS.COM click JOIN A TOUR, select 2023 Rose Parade and Southern California Sightseeing Tour; December 28, 2023 - January 02, 2024. Click the link at the bottom of the detail page to submit your registration and \$350 per person credit card deposit. Or, contact LutherTours 1.844.777.1517 for assistance.

July

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	3 Office Closed	4 July 4 th Office closed 	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	10 Office Closed	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	17 Office Closed	18	19 8:00 Baron's	20	21 No Council meeting	22
23 9:00 am Worship Service With communion Noisy offering	24 Office Closed	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	31 Office Closed					

August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	7 Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	14 Office Closed	15	16 Baron's	17	18 12 pm Council Meeting	19
20 9:00 am Worship Service With communion	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship Service With communion Noisy Offering	28 Office Closed	29	30	31		
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays

- 5—Betty Nelson
- 6—Christina Hoffmeyer
- 18—Bonnie Swandal
- 20—Richard Grumbine
- 24—Lynn Brooks
- 29—Ken Grondahl
- 31—Barbara Leuthauser



July Anniversaries

- 4—Kent & Cheryl Wilson (32)
- 6—Davin & Adrienne Cordero (10)
- 27—Richard & Linda Grumbine (59)

Mark your Calendars!

Women's Group:

Women's Bible Study:

Resuming in September

Women's meetings:

Tuesdays, at 10:30 am.

Dates to be announced

Wednesday

No Choir Practice until September

Pastor's Bible

Thursdays at 9:00 am

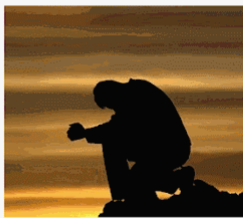
Council Meeting

No council meeting this month

July 4th

Independence Day

Prayer Corner



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.

Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers.



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



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