

Connections



April 21, 2024



**LOPC
SOUNDS OF
SPRING**

MAY 3
7:30 - 9:00 P.M. MUSIC AND VOICES

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 49 KNOX DRIVE, LAFAYETTE, CA 94549



LOPC Concert

May 3, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Join us for this star-studded event!

Tickets are available now at lopc.org/tickets. \$30 suggested donation. Open to all—bring your friends!



Service Squad • June 10–14:

Service Squad: A Service-Learning Day Camp for youth completing 5th–6th grades in spring 2024.

SLAM Trip to Wapato, WA • June 16–21:

SLAM (Students Learning About Mission) Trip to Wapato, WA, for youth completing 7th–12th grades in spring 2024.

Salinas & USA Mexico Border • July 7–14:

High School Service-Learning Trip to Salinas and USA/Mexico Border for youth completing 9th–12th grades in spring 2024.

To register, visit lopc.org/service-learning. For questions, contact Keris Dahlkamp at keris@lopc.org or Junha Kim at junha@lopc.org

Vacation Bible Camp

Registration is open!

Hooray! Vacation Bible Camp registration is officially open. At Scuba VB Camp, we welcome children in Pre-K (4+) through completed 4th grade to join us for a week filled with fun, friends, adventure, and more. Dive into friendship with God this summer.

Register now or sign up to volunteer at lopc.org/vbcamp.

Pastors

Peter Whitelock, Head of Staff • Jaime Polson, Care & Executive Leadership
Lauren Gully, Mission & Outreach • Chris Baldwin, Community & Formation

care

Ambiguous and Anticipatory Grief Workshop

Saturday, April 27 in the Oak Room, 8:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Stephen Ministers invite you to join them for a workshop led by Pastor Jane Doty MacKenzie, focusing on “The Presence of Grief Throughout Life.” Most often, we think of grief at the death of a loved one, but there are many other types of loss which wrench our emotions. Grief is a normal part of life and a response to having to let go when we don’t want to let go. It is also an invitation to spiritual renewal and healing. Join us for a conversation on how we compassionately sit with ambiguous and anticipatory grief in our own lives and the lives of others, and lean into God’s promise of hope and wholeness.

Register at lopc.org/registrations by April 24.

children & youth

Youth Ministry

Youth Alive TODAY and every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in CLC 201 for 5th–8th graders. Join this weekly interactive Bible lesson with games and fun activities.

By The Way (BTW) TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. for 9th–12th graders. Join this weekly youth group for activities including games, songs, a devotional, and small groups!

Youth on Wednesdays (YOW) YOW is on break until September! See you at Service Squad and our S.L.A.M. Trip this summer! Email junha@lopc.org for more information about our summer opportunities for 5th–8th grade students!

Please contact Directors Keris Dahlkamp or Junha Kim at keris@lopc.org or junha@lopc.org.

Sunday Morning Infant Care

If your child is younger than one year old, please contact Susan Wentworth at susan@lopc.org prior to attending on a Sunday to make special arrangements.

job opening

Associate Director of Youth Ministry

This position is responsible for shared leadership of the LOPC youth ministry (5th through 12th grades) in partnership with the Director of Youth Ministries, Pastor for Family Ministries, the Family Ministries Team and other LOPC staff, and volunteers. This position will work with the Director of Youth Ministries to develop ministry programs for LOPC youth.

For more information, please read the full job description at lopc.org/jobs. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Jaime Polson at jaime@lopc.org.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

May 1 and 15 at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Join this one-hour support group for those caring for someone with dementia. The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

To join, please contact Linda Fodrini-Johnson at lindafj620@outlook.com.

Children's Ministry

The Garden

Sundays during Worship

- Children 6 months+–toddlers in CLC Nursery* & Toddler Rooms
- Pre-K–1st in CLC Room 204
- 2nd–4th in CLC Room 205

Ages 6 months–4th grade. Kid-friendly time for growing friendship with Jesus and with one another.

* limited space

Volunteers needed in the Garden this summer!

If you have a Sunday or two free this summer, we would love your help in The Garden helping our children grow their faith. Our goal is to give our school-year volunteers a break and a chance to go into the sanctuary for worship. To be able to do this, we need your help to come and spend an hour with our kids. Please consider giving of your time on a Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. No experience required to come and love the children of LOPC.

Contact Susan Wentworth at susan@lopc.org with questions.

Hold in Prayer

Our prayers of comfort and peace go out to the family and friends of:

Kaaren Rose,
who passed on February 27.

Gwen Reichert,
who passed on April 2.

Ralph Sackman,
who passed on April 5.

Ernie Hulsey,
who passed on April 7.

Tom Lowe,
who passed on April 15.

community

Fourth Monday Book Group

April 30 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please note day and date change.

The group will discuss *1984* by George Orwell, a classic published in 1949. Orwell's dystopian vision is set 40 years before 2024. Is it still relevant? How does it affect us today? Does it deserve such opprobrium?

Contact Jean Fiske at jdfiske@gmail.com to be added to the group.

Fourth Friday Book Group

April 26 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

The group will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

All are welcome. Email Catherine Coleman at awaitingword@gmail.com to join.

Young Families Connect

May 5 after Worship

Are you a family with young kids (infant–4th grade) looking to hang out with other families? Join us on the back playground where kids can play and parents can socialize with each other while enjoying breakfast bites and coffee.

Questions? Email Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org.

Thursday Fellowship

A Senior Ministry Program

April 18 at 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Join us for activities, lunch, and entertainment. International Day Celebration: we'll enjoy a slide show presentation on Norway, a bagpipe performance by Graham Wiseman, plus guests and volunteers will share.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Peterson at julie@lopc.org.

special announcement



Welcome Tom Galbraith!

We are happy to announce that Tom Galbraith has joined LOPC as the new part time Campus Operations Coordinator. Tom is responsible for LOPC's meeting/event calendar and supporting church facility operations. Tom is in the church office Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tom is excited to bring his years of operational knowledge to the thriving LOPC community in which he lives.

Assisting with campus operations and driving the calendar for all facilities scheduling keeps him happily on his toes. Tom loves communicating with members and groups to continuously streamline the processes for room reservations. If Tom isn't at LOPC, you will probably find him behind a drum set, performing or teaching, or just making noise.

church nominating committee

Seeking New Church Leaders for Terms Starting January 2025!

One of the cornerstones of our Presbyterian heritage is the annual election by the congregation of church officers to provide leadership for the church. It is a privilege and responsibility to nominate members to serve as elected lay leaders. It is also necessary for us to participate in the essential process that will influence our church in the near future.

Submissions will be accepted until May 31 for terms beginning January 1, 2025. Nomination forms may be found in the sanctuary pews, Ministry Center front desk, or online at lopc.org/cnc.

mission

Food Donation List For Monument Crisis Center

- April – Ready-to-eat (snap tops and pouch)
- May – Oatmeal
- June – Dry Rice
- July – Canned Chili
- August – Pasta
- September – Canned Vegetables
- October – Canned Fruit
- November – Cereal
- December – Dried Beans

Requested food donations can be dropped off anytime in the MCC barrel outside the Ministry Center and Oak Room.

finance

The church closed the first quarter of 2024 with pledge income of \$726,625 which is ahead of budget by \$103,625. Non-pledge and loose offering giving were lower than plan by \$21,575. Year-to-date March total contributions were \$850,166 as compared to the budget \$736,279. Part of this increase relates to higher mission giving for the Kapnek Trust and the Congo related to the successful 2023 Christmas special offerings.

Ministry Team spending of \$909,813 was less than budget by \$48,761, excluding additional mission and special gifts spending. No unusual items were noted in ministry expense.

Year-to-date March 2024 closed with net contributions of \$39,713 favorably exceeding the projected year-to-date budget shortfall by \$128,948.

Thank you to those who have pledged and made their pledge contributions early in the year. LOPC is grateful the first quarter of the new year is off to a strong start. We encourage anyone who has not pledged to consider making a pledge so that we can plan and continue our great ministry. It is never too late to pledge!

Giving at LOPC

One of the most practical ways you can help during times like these is through your financial support.



To give visit
lopc.org/giving,
or scan the code
above on your
mobile device.

Statement of Giving & Expense

March 31, 2024

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	Fav (Unfav)
Congregational Giving:			
Pledge Income	\$ 726,625	\$ 623,000	\$ 103,625
Non Pledge, Loose Offerings, Other Giving	65,704	87,279	(21,575)
Faith Component	150	150	—
Congregational Giving w/o Special Gifts	792,479	710,429	82,050
Giving: Mission & Special Gifts & Offerings	57,687	25,850	31,837
Total Congregational Giving:	850,166	736,279	113,887
User Fees & Memorial Investment Income	17,091	18,954	(1,863)
Foundation	139,956	139,956	—
Total Giving:	1,007,213	895,189	112,024
Expense:			
Ministry Teams Spending	909,813	958,574	(48,761)
Mission & Special Gifts & Offerings Spending	57,687	25,850	31,837
Total Expense:	967,500	984,424	(16,924)
Contributions in Excess of Expense:	\$ 39,713	\$ (89,235)	\$ 128,948

worship

Sermon Series

THE CHURCH EMPOWERED

Snapshots of the First Christian
Communities from the Book of Acts

April 7 A GREAT GRACE
Acts 4:32-35

April 14 BY THE NAME MADE STRONG
Acts 3:12-19

April 21 OUR CORNERSTONE
Acts 4:5-12

April 28 THE SCRIPTURES FULFILLED
Acts 8:26-40

May 5 WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT FALLS
Acts 10:44-48

May 12 IN GOD'S HANDS
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26



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