

Connections



July 6, 2025

Southern Justice Trip to Atlanta/Alabama

February 5 - 8, 2026

This is a unique opportunity to travel with LOPC members to the sites of the Civil Rights Movement as we seek a deeper understanding of the movement and provide participants with the tools and inspiration to take the next step beyond social action: social activism. Pastors Jaime Polson and Jane Doty MacKenzie will accompany members on this trip.

For more information, contact Linda Rosenthal at heyлиндarosenthal@gmail.com.

New arrivals Get A Joyful Start - Thank You!

The LOPC community has donated 1115 items to the June donation drive for the Layette Program sponsored by Chicks With Sticks. There were also four generous cash donations. Your extremely generous response will be included in the complete layettes given out by the Contra Costa Public Health Nurses to babies in need in our area. Thank you for your overwhelming support!

Chicks With Sticks meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. You are invited to join anytime. Donations can be made year round by contacting Dianne Schneider at dianneschneider@hotmail.com.



New Member Class

July 13, 11:10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
in the Oak Room

Join Pastors Peter Whitelock and Chris Baldwin to learn more about LOPC, the vision of the church, get plugged in with the Next Steps program, and meet other new folks like yourself! Whether you've been attending for a while and want to learn more or are interested in becoming a member, this is the class for you. Childcare available.

For more information or to register, visit lopc.org/registrations or contact Chris Baldwin at chris@lopc.org.



Summer Sermon Series:

Travel Adventures from the Bible

As we head into the summer months, it's often the case that we find ourselves travelling to one place or the other for rest, recreation and sometimes, even business. Our travels can be rather unremarkable, but most of us have had travel experiences that transformed and changed us in some way. Can you think of a trip like that? In our summer sermon series this year, we'll be looking at some Bible stories involving both travel and transformation.

TODAY - Luke 24:13-35. The disciples walking towards the small village of Emmaus in the days after the resurrection were actively discussing the events that had transpired in Jerusalem and had many questions with few answers. On the way they encountered Jesus, who was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Sometimes the significance of a trip is not so much the journey itself but on whom we encounter along the way.

Next week - Genesis 37:12-28. Joseph had a problem with his brothers, and their resentment led them to betray him and arrange for him to be sold into slavery in Egypt. As it turns out, their betrayal was the beginning of a marvelous story illustrating God's faithfulness even in the darkest of times. Sometimes a terrible, awful, hurtful trip can yield an amazing blessing.

July 20 - Acts 8:26-40.

Pastors

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

children & youth

Sundays during Worship

The Garden

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

Kid-friendly time for growing friendship with Jesus and with one another.

Summer Service Learning



July 6 - 11 - Youth Mission Co in Raleigh, North Carolina

Pray for our team as they travel to North Carolina to serve and learn. You'll hear more about their experience in worship on August 24 during Youth Sunday.

This week you can visit lopc.org/youth to read their blog and follow along on their adventure!

Sunday 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.

Mark your calendars - Special Event for 5th-12th grades!

Broomball at Tri Valley Ice Dublin

August 9, 10:15 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Get ready to compete against your friends in this hilarious version of floor hockey on ice without skates. Invite your friends for a fun Sunday of Broomball before the school year starts again!

Cost: \$25. Pick up and dropoff in Dublin. Registration and waiver required at lopc.org/registrations.

GARDEN Volunteers Needed this Summer - Check your calendars!

Children's Ministry is seeking some friendly faces to share God's love with our elementary school aged children and we need 1-2 more helpers on the following dates: **July 13, July 27, and Aug 3**. Our Garden Sunday School program consists of prepared lessons and easy to follow enrichment activities, crafts, stories, games, and more. We would love to welcome new faces so that our school-year volunteers can take a much deserved break!

Contact Susan Wentworth at susan@lopc.org if you can help.

Splash Leadership for 10th-12th grade students

SPLASH Leaders partner with the youth director to make decisions, implement plans, and lead the youth ministry. They meet one Sunday a month to share ideas and receive leadership training. SPLASH leaders may lead at BTW, YOW, service-learning projects, special events, and "big church" services. They also serve as role models to other youth.

If you'd like to serve on our student leadership team, pick up an application from the church office or email Cynthia Purvis at cynthia@lopc.org for an electronic version. Fill out your information and return the form to Cynthia by August 3.

worship

Sponsor the Sanctuary Flowers

Sponsoring the flowers for a Sunday worship service is a beautiful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones. Your flower dedication will be printed in the Sunday bulletin and the flower team will do their best to accommodate any special requests. The suggested donation is \$150.

Sign up for your Sunday of choice at lopc.org/flowers.

NEW! Need a Boost?

Two-inch cushions are now available for folks who would benefit from a little extra height and/or comfort for their back in their pew seats. You can pick them up in the rear of the sanctuary on the left when you enter. Feel free to leave them on the pew after the service. We currently have four cushions available and will more order based on demand.

Youth Programming

Youth Alive returns August 3.

BTW returns August 17.

YOW returns August 20.

SAVE THE DATE:

Youth Sunday is August 24.

Questions? Contact Cynthia Purvis at cynthia@lopc.org.

community

Young Adult Community

Pool Party!

July 13 at 12:00 p.m. at Alex Aruliya's home

Relax by the pool, play some games, and connect with friends.

RSVP to Cynthia Purvis at cynthia@lopc.org or Libby Lowell at libby@lopc.org.

Ministry Fair

Save the Date!

August 24 following Worship

Explore the many ways to get involved at LOPC! Visit ministry booths on the plaza and connect with the community after worship. This event follows Youth Sunday.

For more information, contact Gina Hageboeck at gina@lopc.org.

Thursday Fellowship

A Senior Ministry Program

July 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Talented and delightful vocalist Cris Hussey will perform.

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

Book Groups

Fourth Monday Book Group

July 28 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Featuring *I Cheerfully Refuse* by Leif Enger.

Fourth Friday Book Group

July 25 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

The group will discuss *The Year of Wonder* by Geraldine Brooks.

To join either group, contact Leslie Finertie at leslie-finertie@comcast.net for Monday or Catherine Coleman at awaitingword@gmail.com for Friday.

care

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

August 6 and 20 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 Wednesday of the month. Please note the group will take July off and resume in August.

To join, contact Linda Fodrini-Johnson at LindaFJ620@outlook.com.

Prayer Team

Do you have loved ones you would like us to include in our weekly prayers of gratitude and for their safety? The team likes to pray for individuals by name, so please consider including this detail in your request.

For these or any other requests, submit a prayer request online at lopc.org/prayer or send an email to info@lopc.org. You can also call the LOPC office at 925-283-8722 and leave a message. Prayer cards are also available in the pews.

Stephen Ministry

Trained Stephen Ministers are waiting to be assigned to you safely in-person, on Zoom, or over the phone. Conversations are confidential. Stephen Ministers can meet with you weekly for as long as you need to work through a crisis or problem.

To connect with a Stephen Minister, email Shirley Moore at shirleymoore18@gmail.com or Pastor Jaime Polson at jaime@lopc.org.

Hold in Prayer

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

Helen Dygert, who passed on May 2. A service will be held on July 19 at 1:00 p.m.

George Jedenoff, who passed on May 11. A service will be held on July 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Paul Peterson, who passed on May 24. A service will be held on August 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Hoots, who passed on May 26.

mission

love does

love protects, love hopes, love never fails



Serve at the Food Bank!

Two dates! August 2 and August 30,
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at their
Concord Warehouse

Join us for a love does service opportunity at the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano! We're looking for up to 20 volunteers to help sort, box, and bag food for families in need. This is a great way to live out love, make a difference, and connect with others at LOPC. Ages 11+ welcome.

Space is limited. Sign up today at lopc.org/registrations. Questions? Contact Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org.

Over \$32,000 raised - Thank you, LOPC!

We are so grateful for the way our community stepped up during our June special offering, Fund the Gap. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$32,000 to support STAND!, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, and the Kapnek USA. Thank you for being a church that shows up, gives generously, and puts faith into action.

Backpacks of Hope

July 20

Join us after worship on July 20 to help pack backpacks for children supported by Hope Solutions. After packing, volunteers will have the opportunity to distribute the backpacks to the families on a different day. Suggested donation: \$20 per person (to offset the costs of this project.)

Space is limited. Sign up by July 18 at lopc.org/registrations. Questions? Contact Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org.

Adult Service Trip to Los Angeles

We are in the early stages of planning an adult service trip to Los Angeles later this year to support communities impacted by the devastating fires this past winter.

If you're interested and would like to receive updates as plans develop, please email Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org to be added to the list.

Monument CrisisCenter Food Donation List

- July – Peanut Butter
- August – Canned Fruit
- September – Pasta
- October - Cereal

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

Get Connected to Mission!

Stay informed, get involved, and make a difference. Join our **Mission Email List** to receive updates on mission partners, opportunities to serve, including adult service trips, and ways to advocate for justice. Together, we can put our faith into action and make an impact in our community and beyond.

Please email Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org to be added to the list.

Giving at LOPC

One of the most practical ways you can help is through your financial support so LOPC can share God's love through our ministries.



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



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