

Connections



June 29, 2025

Partners on the Plaza

TODAY following Worship

Get to know more about our mission partners, Hope Solutions and Stand!. Following worship, please stop by the Mission tables on the plaza to connect with our partner liaisons to learn more about the incredible work our mission partners are doing and discover ways to get involved.

Please contact Michelle Browning at michelle@lopc.org with questions.

STAND!
For Families Free of Violence...

HOPE
SOLUTIONS



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.

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

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 heyindarosenthal@gmail.com.



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 - Genesis 9:8-17. Noah and his family miraculously survive a great flood that God has sent to wipe evil from the face of the earth and receive a new covenant with God. Sometimes a trip is not so much about where we are going but is defined rather by what we are leaving behind.

Next week - 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.

July 13 - Genesis 37:12-28

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.

Youth Programming

Youth Alive returns August 3; **YOW** returns August 20; **BTW** returns August 17.

SAVE THE DATE: Youth Sunday is August 24.

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

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.

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.

Summer Service Learning



Raleigh Trip: There is a mandatory meeting for both participants and parents **TODAY, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** in Room 201.

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. School is out so let's celebrate!

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

new members

Welcome New Members!

Today we joyfully celebrate the newest members of the LOPC community! We look forward to sharing in worship, service, and fellowship with each of you.

Introducing: Marin Bako, Eli & Elizabeth Ewing, Eva Heath, Craig & Kirsten Larsen, Carmen MacGillivray, Grant & Leah Rozeboom, Noreen Sebree, Cathy Spicer, Hayley Tice, and Al & Marijane "MJ" Walburg.

announcement

Our Club Car Needs a New Home

Times change and we no longer have a use for our 10-seater, gas-powered club car and are looking to find a new home for it.

If anyone knows of an organization that would be interested in it, please contact Jim Davis at jim@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.

community

A Joyful Start: Donation Drive

Through June 30

Chicks with Sticks will be collecting new and gently used baby items to be given to the neediest babies in our area by the Contra Costa Visiting Nurses. There will also be a bassinet in the Ministry Center during the month of June for your donations. Items Needed: Onesies, Sleep and Plays, new stuffed animals, hooded towels, diapers, socks, jackets, pants, sweaters, and books.

For more information contact Dianne Schneider at dianneschneider@hotmail.com.

Young Adult Community

June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and conversation! We believe life is better when you can share stories, encourage one another, and rely on friends to keep you on track.

For more information contact Cynthia Purvis at cynthia@lop.org or Libby Lowell at libby@lop.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@lop.org.

care

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@lop.org.

Deacon Support

Home Visits and Communion

Deacons arrange visits with members who are homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities. Upon request, home communion kits are available to members unable to attend worship in person.

Meal Delivery

Deacons order and deliver food to persons recuperating from illness, new parents, grieving families, or anyone in a time of need.

To request any of these services, please call the Deacon Line at 925-283-8722, ext. 274.

Backyard Bash

Thank You to Guests and Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fun summertime hangout and to our incredible volunteers who made it all possible! There were plenty of laughs as our brave pastors took the plunge in the Dunk Tank. We enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch, live music, old-fashioned games, a pie-eating contest, plenty of sweet treats, and more. The day was filled with fun, fellowship, sunshine, and smiles. Thanks to Gina Hageboeck and Chris Baldwin for helping create a special day! Wishing everyone a happy summer!

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.

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 lop.org/prayer or send an email to info@lop.org. You can also call the LOPC office at 925-283-8722 and leave a message. Prayer cards are also available in the pews.



worship



Sponsor the Sanctuary Flowers

Sponsors needed in July!

Sponsoring the flowers for a Sunday worship service is a beautiful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones. 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.

mission

love does: Trinity Center Clothing Drive Thank you!

Thank You for Your Generous Support! We appreciate everyone who contributed to our recent clothing drive for Trinity Center. Your generosity and care meant so much, and the donated clothing will be put to good use by those in need in Contra Costa County. We're grateful for this community and look forward to holding another drive in the late fall/winter - stay tuned!

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.

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.

Monument Crisis Center

Food Donation List for Monument Crisis Center

- 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.



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