

Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas Worship Festival News



Can you imagine a choir without singers or an orchestra without musicians? Can you imagine paying to go to a concert or musical performance where the live musicians and performers were replaced by MP3 players? Of course not! Even in our highly technological age when the sound of instruments and vocals can be generated electronically nothing has been, or likely will be, invented to replace the joy and inspiration that comes from watching a live performance—a live performance made up of dedicated and gifted musicians.

For the past six years at LNPC, the celebration of Christ's birth during the Season of Advent is inaugurated by a church-wide event called the Christmas Wor-

ship Festival. Under the Christ-centered and gifted leadership of our Minister of Music, Binh Vu, people from around our community come each year to hear the gospel proclaimed in music and drama that is unequalled in all of south Orange County.

Because of this each year attendance at this event continues to increase to the point where it has become LNPC's single most important outreach ministry to the community. Last year was no exception. Between 800 and 900 people attended the festival over the two days it was held, and of that fully half of those in attendance are visitors to LNPC. Our prayer is that those visitors attending this year's festival will consider making LNPC
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LNPC News

Thank You!

Presbyterian Women thanks all who attended our May 7th Fashion Show and Silent Auction. It was lots of fun and a great success! For additional information, please contact JoAnn Renning at (949) 362-8270.

South County Outreach

SCO needs canned beans (any kind), chili, and jelly. The non-food items are toothbrush and toothpaste. Thank you for your wonderful support. Together We Can Make a Difference!



Grief Support

Grief Support will be available on Fridays at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. For more information, contact Margaret Lee at (949) 230-8999.

Helping Hands Ministry

Helping Hands needs Helpers. If you have talents in any of the following areas, we can use you: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, lifting, assembly, disassembling, changing light bulbs, household chores, etc. We have a number of parishioners who need assistance. Contact Sam Johnson at (949) 661-2818.

Easter Baskets

Thank you to all who donated Easter items for the Camp Pendleton Tots Program. Together with other groups we wrapped 250 baskets with leftovers going to the Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee (1st Battalion, 4th Marines and USS McClusky).



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Drop-In Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 8:45 am in the Conference Room. *Are you ready for the last days? Hear Jesus' comments.* Reviews are presented by DVD's or LNPC Ministers; always including group discussions.



Pastor's Bible Study Brunch

Tuesdays 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Come and join us!

Bible 101: The Greatest Story Told for You!

Lead by Rev. Emily McColl. God's story and yours meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 9:30 am. We will be looking at Matthew, Mark and Luke's account of the Life of Jesus.

The Message

A story of Jesus told in the language of today! Join Jim and Jackie Settles in a relaxed small group setting at 4:00 pm on Mondays, just 3 minutes up the hill. Call (949) 499-2421 for directions.

The Gospel of Luke

Lead by Jean Shelton & Karen Vassey. Tuesdays from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in Gard Hall B. Join us!

CONNECTIONS *Ministries*

Welcome – to two new members of the Connections Ministry Team, Cassandra Ondryas and Dona Figlioli. We welcome them to our team and know God has special things planned to use their gifts and talents. Connections Ministry Team meets on the first Monday of the month in the conference room at 7:00 pm.

Thanks - to everyone who participated in the photo directory. The Photo Directory should be available early summer for distribution.



YOUTH *Ministries*

This summer we have many great opportunities with in our Youth Ministry program, the pinnacle being our high school mission trip. This year we will be going to Alabama to help with cleanup and repair after the devastating tornadoes of recent months.

There is a spot for every person in the congregation on this team, from attending the trip to prayer support, we need your help. If you are interested in this great opportunity to serve, or would like to find out more please talk with me as soon as possible.

Along with the mission trip we also have many other great events from



bonfires on the beach every Sunday evening to exciting outings like go cart racing in August, and beach trips in between. I encourage you to get involved with your family, invite grandchildren, local teenagers, your kids friends, neighbors, and any other middle schooler or high schooler who may be sitting on the couch all summer long.

I am looking forward to my first of many summers as the youth director here at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church, and I would love to share a wave, a round of golf, a cup of coffee, or a meal, with each of you this summer. Please do not hesitate to inquire about any of our great summer events.

Don't Blame the Internet

In youth ministry we are often at the front end of Internet controversy. Students creating Facebook profiles for the first time, friends' relationships falling apart over internet or interns getting fired over pictures posted. There is always something. Through all of this there is a popular online abbreviation that always get's me "IRL," In Real Life.

In the 90's the Internet was more like the movie "Tron" and less like our everyday lives, hence "IRL" (i.e. online I am a level 70 warlock but in real life I am a youth pastor).

The Internet of yesterday may have been just a fantasy world but the



John Denton

Internet of today is real life. Sorry to have to break the news to you but people find real jobs online, people bank online, people start relationships online, people shop online, people pay bills online, people file taxes online and people work online. Just like all things in this world, the Internet is not perfect. There is crime, hate and plenty of garbage online as well. People, it is up to us to live our lives accordingly, and the Internet is just one more aspect of life. It is reality.

In a conversation about Facebook over the weekend with a student and parent, I was going over the fact that Facebook is a public
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Christmas Worship Festival News

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their home, and that is where you come in.

The Christmas Worship Festival is a self-sustaining outreach ministry to the community. Financial support for this ministry is raised in a variety of ways, including reaching out to you ahead of that time and asking for your generous and appreciated support by participating in a fundraising event that starts on Sunday, July 24, 2011.

Starting on that day and continuing into the month of August you will have the opportunity to sponsor this vital outreach ministry by making a designated donation to the Christmas Worship Festival. Your early sponsorship of this ministry will help this Team in determining if we are able to present two concerts as we have in the past. In addition your financial support, opportunities will be presented in terms of hospitality, event management and volunteerism that are designed to welcome and retain those visitors who will attend the Christmas Worship Festival.

Therefore, your advance donation and participation are critical to the mission and ministry we have here at LNPC to reach our community for Christ in this way. So we ask that you prayerfully consider the donation that you will be making and thank you again for your unwavering support. May God be glorified in all that we do.

Blessings,
The Worship & Music Ministry Team

SHARING *Our Caring*

At Home

Askari Family; Jean Bassett; Chris Berry; Lynn Bible; Terri Brock; Ceanne Curwen; Michael Duran; Rose Erickson; Ethel Janik; Angie & Bob Kimberly; Hope & Howard Lane; Carol Larson; Elizabeth Macaulay; Judy Mangan; Tay McClellan; & Brice Yoder; Minton Paul; Connie Peace; Ron Pearce; Marjorie Phillips; Gregory Reid; David Ross; Dory & Wally Sargent; Irene Vorland; and Valerie Weber.

In Health Care Facilities / Hospital

Andy Logan

Family/Friends (Church Contact)

Cheryl Abraham (Abraham); Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers); Stan Alm (Alm); Bruce Beckwith (Alm); Elizabeth Ann (Macaulay); Erin Blute (Jannard); Valerie Brown (Zink); Harold Bullard (Khalifa); Leigh Ann Button (Skinner); Lori Cacioppo (LeBlanc); Leone Carrol (Alm); Carol & Elaine (Eaton); Michael Carney (Neufeld); Jeanne Case (Jannard); Mitch & Kristine Chausse (Steele); Alexis De La Cruz (Kaufer); Jim Easton (Purcell); Janet Faunce (Wright); Maxine Fry (Fry); Ruth Ferreira (Estep); Mary Beth Gallagher (Kaloci); Marcy Gehrke (Bare); Robin Griffen (Durst); Kathy Hannah (White); Edith Hopper (Hopper); Howard Hough (Flower); Bob Jones (Green); Mike Khamis (Paul); Maria King (Jannard); Klien family (Blaisdell); Nancy Lacy (Curwen); Clarine Lim-Hardesty (Lim); Ron Ludwig (Purcell); Dave Menlo (Blaisdell); Suzanne Miranda (Peltier); Peggy Mott (Bodel); Jack Mount (Bare); Palmer Family (Kaufer); Christian Pappas (Blaisdell); Kathy Parkhurst (Blaisdell); Gina Perella (Humphrey); Georgia Photopoulos (Mounce); Janice Pickard (Rickard); Anthony Purcell (Purcell); Jessica Joy Rees (Jannard); Lori Rettig (Rettig); Tanya Rice (Spalding); Lisa Robinson (Sarrubi); Stephen Roebuck (Roebuck); Darren Rusli (Lao); Janice Saenz (Biggars); Melissa Shearman Falco (Blaisdell); Lois Short (Ditto); Helen Smillie (Hart); Alma Smith (Green); Grant Smithson (White); Rebecca Stockton (White); John Stritch (Ehlers); Carol Thomas (Favor); Dee Dee Vasquez (Favor); Rita & Norv Wenner (Odgers); Pat White (White); Yvonne Woodhouse (Hart); and Craig Wright (Wright).

Service in the Military & Mission (Church Contact)

Spc. Josh Berryhill (Stidham); Ltjg. Christopher Bowie (Kamariotakis); Spc. Geoffrey Gloeckler Chatten (Gloeckler); Corporal Kenneth Koch (Ruddiman); Ens. Duncan Andrew McColl; and Lt. Col. Lisa Tice (Hansen).

Emily's Perspectives

There's a song in the air! You can sense it when you come on Sundays and see the excitement and activity all around. LNPC is welcoming visitors and old friends with both of our worship services.



Rev. Emily McColl

We have had many visitors stop by, and even stay after worship when we gather on the patio to greet one another. Reach out to them, extend a hand and share a name. If you are afraid of hurting a 'regular attendee's feelings,' recognize that we have grown. We are in two services and you may be making a friend from either a visitor OR a member you hadn't met yet. In addition, some of us have visual challenges or hearing challenges, do introduce yourself just in case recognition on a bright, busy day is difficult. Psychologists say it takes seven occasions to imprint a memory, especially of a name to a person. Let's take the opportunity every week to greet and begin making memories and friends for future memories!

Ways to be inviting:

- Meet your kids' friends
- Greet your friends' friends
- Bring a friend and challenge others to find them
- Introduce yourself first, and then ask for a name and one fact to help you remember
- Talk over coffee
- Ask one of our volunteers to help you meet someone new
- Volunteer to usher, greet, or serve in some way yourself!



Reminder: Both pastors are on the patio on Sundays. We are trying to greet as well. There should be a "Pastoral Deacon" to help us remember details for follow up. In each service, there are people to pray with and for you in time of need. There are also ushers, deacons, elders and many others who can help you.

If you have a pastoral concern, please call or email the church office.

In a personal crisis, please call the church office to page a pastor: (949) 249-1218 x 1. Or email either pastor or call Pastor Emily on her cell (949) 378-2020.

We want to be available to you in your time of need.

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HEALTH *Ministries*

Insect Stings and Spider Bites

Summer is here. We all like to get outside to enjoy picnics, BBQ and trips to the beach. We usually are dressed in shorts, tee shirts, and bathing suits making us more susceptible to bites and stings. Mosquitoes are of special concern as they can carry the West Nile Virus (encephalitis like syndrome) and other types of diseases. The mosquitoes tend to be more prevalent at dawn and dusk so it would be wise to wear long pants and long shirt sleeves at these times. Insect repellent sprays that can be applied to clothing and lightly to skin (avoiding spraying children's hands) are suggested. They should contain 10-30% DEET (10% FOR CHILDREN 6 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS OF AGE.)

The West Nile Virus has found its way to California. Orange County Health Department has reported its first West Nile Virus positive bird of the season. WNV has also been detected in mosquito samples and/or dead birds in four other California counties (Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento, and Santa Clara). In previous years, the first WNV cases in Orange County usually had symptom onsets starting in mid-June to mid-July. See your Doctor if you have an infection with signs of aseptic meningitis, encephalitis, acute flaccid paralysis or a prolonged fever. Treatment is mainly supportive care. WNV is carried by several types of mosquitoes, and birds are a common vector (an animal or insect that transmits a disease producing organism from one host to another).

Insect and bee stings may cause allergic reactions and one whom has a documented allergy should always carry a kit containing epinephrine (epi-pen).

The O C Health Department (OCHD) wants to be helpful controlling mosquitoes, Red Imported Fire Ants, and Africanized Honey Bees. The OC Vector Control District can be reached at 714- 971-2421 or website 222.westnile.ca.gov www.ocvcd.org. They will also help get rid of stagnant water and recently dead birds.

I briefly mention to be aware of poisonous snake bites (pit viper, rattlesnake, water moccasin, copper head, and coral snake. Only 5% of all snakes are poisonous. The poisonous snakes all have fangs and leave fang marks. Treat by applying a tourniquet above the site of the bite, and call 911 so that anti-venom may be given, if needed. Black widow spiders are poisonous if they have a red hourglass on the abdomen. The purely black ones are not poisonous.

In conclusion, we can enjoy the great outdoors more if we use the precautions mentioned. Have a great summer!

Health Ministries Calendar

June 19, 2011 – Blood Pressure Screening
11:45 am – 11:45 am

Emily's Perspectives

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Beginning July 1st a new class of Deacons is stepping up to serve you in sympathy, witness and compassion.

Everyone has a deacon who contacts you and asks how we at LNPC can support you or pray for you as you grow and walk with Christ. If you are not sure who your deacon is, please call Pastor Emily at the church office and we will help you connect. A huge and hug-ful THANK YOU goes to our retiring deacons.

Who do I call in an emergency? Who is my deacon? Who will know what to do?

Some information is hard to come by. With the health insurance privacy regulations, even the hospital won't call your church unless you personally give permission. Pastors are also bound by confidentiality rules.

- If you have a need, please call us at the office or your deacon! First!

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CHILDREN'S *Ministries*

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 17, the children of our church presented "The Week that Changed the World." The children re-enacted the last week of Jesus' life in a Palm Sunday Pageant. It was wonderful way to begin Holy Week by keeping us all focused on the true gift of Christ's sacrifice.



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible Camp
July 11th - July 15th

VBC Burger Bash
Sunday - July 17th

VBC KICK OFF – sign ups for campers & volunteers will be on Sundays. Sign up sheets will be at the VBC Table on the patio after church. Come join the FUN of PandaMania!

Don't Blame the Internet

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forum and everyone can see what you say and how you live so it is important not to do anything out of line on Facebook. The parent stopped and looked at me and explained that it was important to them that their student was held to this level of accountability everyday, not just online or Facebook.

When students get sent to the principal's office for being mean/ bullying other students on Facebook, they are most likely mean all of the time, not just on Facebook. They just

got caught because of Facebook.

When the correct life skills are taught at home they easily translate into all areas of life including the Internet. Yes the Internet is easily accessible and yes sometimes it is very simple to vomit onto Facebook, but this does not give us or our students the excuses to do so. If problems arise online there are bigger issues than the Internet that need to be addressed. Don't blame the Internet!

If you would like to read more of John Denton's Blogs please visit his website at <http://unstereo.com/>.

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- Please be clear about how you would like others to know or not know your needs.

You may be shy or think someone else will tell us, but it doesn't always happen.

And if you do hear of someone in need, please ask them, "May I have permission to call the office or pastors?" This way we can follow up. We will ask if the information is confidential, if you would like it on the prayer chain, and what we can do for you. Needs vary—from meals or transportation to someone to sit with or talk with.

So what do you do?
Call the church office.

We will take note and follow up to determine what sort of help we might be. This will initiate the process to begin caring in an appropriate manner. If the matter is confidential, rest assured the pastors WILL honor that request, even if we hear it from others.

If you are one who likes to help others, we have many ministries in which you may like to participate. You can be part of the chain of love that supports others in caring:

- Meal Delivery
- Rides to doctors
- Help with receptions
- Connect with resources
- Health care ministry
- Flower delivery
- Cards or phone calls
- Prayer chain (email)



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One Hour of Personal Growth
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