

Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LNPC Welcomes Prentice Park

LNPC is thrilled to announce that our new Youth Director, Prentice Park, will join our staff on Tuesday, July 1.

His first time officially worshipping with us will be July 6. That day, he will be introduced to the congregation and everyone will have the chance to welcome him to LNPC at a meet and greet in-between services in the patio.

“God has truly led us throughout this search process, and has brought to us a truly gifted and dedicated youth leader,” said Pastor Randy Steele. “I am so excited to have Prentice join our staff. I am confident that he will take our successful youth ministry program to new heights and that his relational gifts will speak to both our youth and parents.”

Prentice comes to us from Washington State. A graduate of Seattle Pacific University with a degree in Communications, he continued his education at Fuller Theological Seminary and obtained a Masters in Divinity.



Prentice Park

At his last church, Prentice prepared bi-weekly sermons for his 230-member youth group; organ-
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Church Says Goodbye to the Crottys and Sally Kappen

As Prentice will be starting, we at LNPC are saddened to say good-bye to a dynamite youth team! It was the contribution, dedication and vision of Jeff Crotty that catapulted our youth program to the next level.

Jeff's relational approach to youth and his commitment to empower our youth to service in the community have truly contributed to the success of our youth ministry.
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ized mission trips; mentored and counseled students; developed youth curriculum; and led and mentored volunteer youth leaders.

“I am very excited about Prentice starting,” said Raquel Flower, one of two youth reps on the selection committee. “I see many similarities between Prentice and Jeff, and that’s good. It was important to us to find someone who had the same theological background, a great sense of humor, and knows how to relate well to kids.”

Please plan on stopping by to meet Prentice on July 6 in between services and after the 10:30am service out on the patio. He can be reached at 249-1191 or email LNPCYouth@gmail.com.

LNPC would like to Congratulate the incoming Elders and Deacons:

Elders –

- John Caldwell
- Denise Carter
- Eileen Green
- Debbie Heath
- Jerry McCloskey

Deacons –

- Laurie & Steve Adams
- Jack & Karol Biggar
- Hal Carpenter
- Terry Dietiker
- Joyce Ireland
- Linda Lindholm
- Lynn Loper
- Paula Mathews
- Marian Potter
- Claudia Vitalich
- Bob & Kathy White

Church Says Good-bye to the Crotty's and Sally Kappen

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Numerically the program has grown under his leadership and the kids who have participated in his youth group have grown in their relationship to Jesus Christ and in their understanding of Christ’s work in the world. It has been a joy to watch our youth grow and mature as they lead us in worship throughout the year on Youth Mission and Confirmation Sundays.

Working beside Jeff in the first year was his wife, Krista, who we have all grown to love. Primarily, she prepared us for Mexico and ministered to the girls in the youth program. Over the past year, Krista took on a special class for girls in their junior and senior years of high school. They learned a lot about themselves, community, one another and Christ.



The Crotty Family

Sally Kappen joined the team in spring of 2007, working with our girls in small groups, activities, camping trips, event planning, and administration. Sally brought a level of excitement, exuberance and a love for God that is contagious.

As our Pastor reflected on Jeff’s ministry he said, “We are truly thankful that God has led Jeff to us. He has brought to us and established a strong and solid youth ministry at LNPC. So many have benefited from Jeff, Sally, and Krista’s ministry and we are so grateful for their ministries. Many lives have been touched and changed because of their work among us.”

On Saturday, July 26, we will honor Jeff, Krista and Sally, for giving so freely of their time, gifts and talents while at LNPC. Mark your calendar Saturday, July 26, 2008 at 5:30pm – 8:30pm in Gard Hall.

Jeff, along with Krista, baby Malachi and their chocolate lab Denali, will be heading up north to Spokane, Wash., in early August. Jeff’s last day at LNPC is July 31, 2008. Krista will be completing her doctorate education over the next year, while Jeff begins his counseling career part-time and spending the rest of his time being a dad to Malachi.

Sally will be staying on at the church through August, and she will be going to Calvin Crest this summer with the middle and high school students. A personal letter from Sally is included in this month’s *Perspectives* on page 5.

We want to wish all of them the best in their endeavors, and for them to know that they are part of us forever and that they always have a home at LNPC.

—Heather Flower

A Message from Randy

Saying Hello and Good-bye...

It is always difficult to say “good-bye.” Or, at least I find it difficult to do so. I have a friend who works as a Christian counselor and he told me that “hello” and “good-bye” are the first two words we learn, and then we spend our life-time living between them.

This June and July we will experience the sounds both of these words. Monday (June 16) will be Heather Flower’s last day with us as our Office Administrator. She has served with us in



Dr. Randall Steele

this capacity for the past year and is leaving us for her “dream job.” Thankfully, she and her family will continue to live in our community and will remain active in our church.

We will miss her warm and cheery personality and her willingness to meet us and greet us as we walked into the church office. God has really blessed us with her writing and marketing skills. She did an awesome job on last year’s stewardship materials and has kept our community up-to-date with her creative columns on LNPC ministries in the Aliso Laguna News.

Then, in July we will say “good-bye” to Jeff Crotty as our Youth Director. Jeff has served with us now for several years and has done an outstanding job building and nurturing a relationally-connected and missionally-focused youth ministry. Both the Jr. and Sr. High youth groups have grown in vision and

numbers, and we will always remember his enthusiastic and spirited youth-led worship services. Whether the theme was confirmation or Mexico mission, you could always count on an inspiring, uplifting worship experience.

Jeff will be moving to Spokane, Wash., with his wife, Krista, and their new baby, Malachi (Yes, their dog Denali is going too!). Krista has finished her course work for her doctorate in counseling and has accepted a required, year-long internship in Spokane to finish her degree. We are sad to see them go, but thankful that God has led them back to their hometown with their families. Jeff and Krista’s last day with us will be July 31.

Saying “good-bye” is hard enough, but it would be impossible without God’s provision in that process. Just as God has provided gifted and talented staff in Heather and Jeff, God is now bringing us new gifted and talented members of staff in Jennifer Rickard and Prentice Park.

Last Wednesday, Jennifer began training with us and will assume the Office Administrator position beginning Tuesday, July 17. Jennifer comes to us with strong administrative and office management experience. She is well-versed with our office’s Microsoft computer programs and has managed and updated Web sites. In addition, she has experience in editing and graphic design.

With her outgoing and warm personality, she is truly a great match for our office, staff, and church.

On July 1, Prentice Park will join our staff. He will overlap with Jeff for the month of July and then take over the program August 1. Prentice has been actively involved in ministry for six years. He has served in youth, college and adult ministries, and was also a chaplain intern at a very large hospital where he implemented pastor care and counseling to patients, families and hospital staff. Prentice has teaching/preaching gifts and has spoken at various high school Christian groups, youth conferences and camps. Prentice earned a B.A. in communication-public speaking from Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash., and a Masters of Divinity Degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Along with his engaging personality, Prentice also enjoys surfing, snowboarding, hiking, reading, theology, guitar, drinking coffee over wonderful conversations, all sorts of sports activities, and watching romantic comedies.

With thanksgiving in our hearts for God’s grace in sending us Heather and Jeff, we are equally thankful for God’s continuing grace in calling Jennifer and Prentice to serve with us at LNPC. Come by and say “hello” next time you are in the office and welcome God’s gift to us in our two new staff members.

In Christ’s love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy".

SHARING *Our Caring*

This has been a busy time for baptisms at LNPC. What a blessing to us all.

Baptisms in June

Anastassia Nina Marie Hartmann; Brian Lim; Averey Anya Platt; William Spalding; and Gwendolyn Tapia Tapia.

Upcoming Baptism in July

Kara Nicole Lee

Please pray for our church family:

At Home

Marjorie Crane; Maud DeKoning; Elizabeth Macaulay; Donna McCullen; Bill Murrell; Connie Peace; Marjorie Phillips; Irene Vorland; Wally Sargent; Vannah Wells; Jim Wilson; Daniel C. Winther; and Dean Winter.

In Health Care Facilities

Gladys Brassel; Michael Brescia; Willie Brown; and Dory Sargent.

Family and Friends

Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers' family friend); Kathy Anderson & family (sister of Carole Clement); Kathy Biewenga (friend of Debbie Perkins); Charlie & Rose Bell (friends of Richard & Marilyn Odgers); Joyce Bodell (Ethel Janik's friend); Russell Bowden (grandson of Carol Durst-Winther); Erin Buenger (Quin Thornburg's niece); Jerry Christensen (Marie Kaufer's step-brother); Dave Delancy; Matt Epperly (friend of Nancy Lacy); Phyllis Holder (Carolyn & Joe Ditto's friend); Linda Hanson (John Flannery's friend); Gladys Homblin (mother of Claudia Peltier); Sally Lee Howd (Mal and Doris Black's friend); Mahalia Isas (granddaughter of Winnona Gaviglio's friend); Gary Kirchner (friend of Penny Moberg); Karyn Lawless (JoAn & Jim Merklin's daughter); John Logan (Andy Logan's son); Ed & Sue Martindale (friends of Richard & Marilyn Odgers); Sharon McColl (Duncan McColl's aunt); Trella Moyer (Marvel Anderson's sister) Marilyn Patterson (Sally Kappen's grandma); Kay Paxton (friend of Chris & Ed Berry); Lucille Pelletier (friend of Kathy Vangsnes); David Riorden (Christine Clark's father); Margaret Roberts (neighbor of John & Carol Zink); Stephen Roebuck (Kathleen Roebuck's son); Roger Rhyne (Dunn family friend); Janene Simpson (Virginia Naeve's sister-in-law); Grayson Smiley & Mother (friend of Pat Knirk); Bob Ward (Judie Ward's brother-in-law); Bill Weldon (Ethel Janik's brother-in-law); Bob & Vickie Whale (friend of Kathy Vangsnes); Charlie & Rose Bell (friends of Dick and Marilyn Odgers); and Ed & Sue Martindale (friends of Dick and Marilyn Odgers).

In Iraq

PFC Michael Beach (Sue & Bob Kirkpatrick's nephew); 1st Lt. Dan Feehan (Khalifa family friend); Maj. Wayne Lacey (Lani Colleys' brother-in-law); and Rob Rowe (friend of Jim & Linda Wilson).

Duncan's Desk

The General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church USA meets in the summer of even numbered years to do the business of the national church. This year the GA will meet in San Jose, CA from



Rev. Duncan McColl

June 21st to June 28th. The Los Ranchos Presbytery (LNPC is one of 50+ churches in the presbytery which covers Orange County) sends three ministers and three lay folk as "commissioners" to consider changes to the constitution, set national priorities and to gather as God's people. This year you will probably already know two of the pastor commissioners, Rev. Emily McColl and myself. We ask for your prayers for us and the national church during this very busy time.

Keep an eye on the news for reports from this assembly. Remember that the reports are often not as they seem so always ask follow up questions or check with your commissioners when they return before assuming something is not right. As a form of checks and balances, most of the proposed changes to the Book of Order (part of our constitution) will not take effect unless ratified by the Presbyteries. We will have more information for you after our return.

Blessings,
Pastor Duncan

Dear LNPC,

At the end of August, I will be moving on to pursue other desires that the Lord has placed in my heart. I am praying about going back to India and working with street children, as well as pursuing other mission opportunities. I would love for you to be praying with me about these things.



Sally Kappen

I've loved watching you be the church; people have been in need, and you have met those needs. This has taken me to new places of understanding Christ, and the way He provides for His children. To those of you who have welcomed me into your homes, your families, your hearts, and your lives, I am very grateful. Your friendships have been a blessing, and will both be remembered and missed.

Jeff and Krista, it has been a blessing to work alongside you in ministry this last year and a half. Your friendship has meant more to me than I think I will ever be able to express.

Margaret Lee, I am overwhelmingly grateful for you. Thank you for welcoming a stranger into your home. I've thoroughly enjoyed the time we have spent together.

I would also like to thank both the youth and the mission commissions for the financial contribution you made to bring me on staff. I appreciate your heart for the youth and how you have made them a priority.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of this body, and serve Christ with you.

Love,

Sally Kappen
Youth Intern
skappen@gmail.com

Congratulations to Our Graduates - Class of 2008!

High School Graduates

- Katie Adams** – Aliso Niguel HS
attending University of Arizona
- Nili Askari** – Aliso Niguel HS
attending Saddleback Community College
- Colleen Dodge** – Aliso Niguel HS
attending Whitworth University
- Angela Humphrey** – Aliso Niguel HS
attending Cal State Monterey Bay
- Kelsey Ann Ehlers** – Dana Hills HS
attending Whitworth University
- Alex Fevery** – Dana Hills HS
- Danielle Horton** – Dana Hills HS
attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Mike Ricketts** – Dana Hills HS
attending Cal State Monterey Bay
- Charles "Bret" Williams** – Dana Hills HS
attending Cal Poly San Louis Obispo
- Klara Hardin** – Laguna Hills HS
- Sean Mangan** – Saddleback Valley Christian School
attending Saddleback Community College
- Logan Lee** – Aliso Niguel HS
attending United States Military Academy at West Point
- Fred Knutson**
attending University of California Merced

Bachelor's Degrees

- John Edward Caldwell** – Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Michigan Technological University
- Meredith McColl** – Stanford University

Master's Degree

- Margaret Lee** – Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary

LNPC Finance and Operations 2008 Income and Expense Report

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Year to Date
Income	63,398	47,217	66,758	51,151	59,501	288,025
Expenses	67,879	60,627	64,859	57,197	60,795	311,357
Net Income (Deficit)	(4,481)	(13,410)	1,899	(6,046)	(1,294)	(23,332)

CHILDREN'S *Ministries*



VBC Power Lab July 21st – 25th

The lab is now open! Early registrations are being accepted for LNPC's Vacation Bible Camp's Power Lab this July 21-25. Sign up for this scientific adventure on the patio or visit us online at www.lnpc.org. Kids ages four through entering 5th grade



power at the Bible Blast Theater, playing Hyperspeed Games, Wacky Crafts, Test Tube Treats and with Super-Sonic Music. Wacky pricing is set for \$50 for one child; \$75 for two children; or \$90 per family.



VBC Power Lab BBQ Sunday, July 27th

Lab coats and safety goggles not required! Come bring your appetite for a tasty Bunsen Burner BBQ complete with test-tube treats, Sunday July 27th after the 10:00 a.m. service. We will have lots of fun activities for the kids including a Super Water Slide and Bounce House. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids 12 and under. Get your tickets today or call the church office at 249-1218 for more information.



Save the Date!

Pathfinders Resumes Wednesday, September 17th. All Kindergarten-5th graders are welcome to join our after school program featuring Bible stories, music, crafts and recreation from 3:30-5:15pm every Wednesday afternoon. Come make new friends.

Questions? Contact Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at (949) 249-1218 x220, or by email kids@lnpc.org

LNPC News

Grief Support Group

Margaret Lee's Grief Support group meets on Fridays at 1 pm in the Adult Ed room.

Youth Needs

The youth program is in need of some random things, and we were wondering if you could help us? We would like some new rugs for the youth room, as well as "L-couches." We also need a vacuum. If you know anyone who has those things and would like to donate, please contact Prentice at 249-1191. Thanks a ton!!!

Outreach

Thanks you for your generosity gifts of hygiene items and underwear for the Orange County Rescue Mission. We made up 118 hygiene kits. We gave the Men's shelter 45 pairs of socks, 25 t-shirts and 25 briefs. Thank you for helping the homeless in Orange County.

The South County Outreach needs for the month of July is canned fruit and canned vegetable (please no canned corn) they have plenty on hand.

—Eileen Green

Habitat for Humanity

The 27-Home Project in San Juan Capistrano will be having a formal ground-breaking at 11 am on Wednesday, July 2, at the intersection of Calle Nolando and Allilpaz. Work will start this summer. Those previously signed up or new volunteers may contact Jim Settles at 499-2421.

Basic Bible

Beginning in August, Shirley Byers and Sherry Reynolds lead this introductory level look at the Bible. This is a great place for those just starting on their Faith Journey. This series lasts 4 weeks and will meet at 10:30 in the Gard Hall Conference Room. Sign-ups started Sunday, June 15th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adult Education

Bethel Bible Study

Bethel Bible Study will resume in the fall. Tracks are offered for Old and New Testament study. Sign-ups begin Sunday, June 15th. Reserve your spot now!

Sunday Drop-In Bible Study

Beginning June 1st, for 5 weeks, Adult Education offers two Drop-In Series:

Dust to Glory

At 8:45, Ron Reynolds discusses this fantastic series by R.C. Sproul. The sessions meet in the big meeting room in Gard Hall.

Rainbow of Hope

Fred Davis continues this look into the epistle of I Peter, 10:30 – 11:30am in the Gard Hall Conference Room. The series is getting great feedback, so even if you have not attended yet, go ahead and give it a try.

Sunday Drop-In is designed so you can attend any Sunday – if you miss a Sunday, you won't miss the whole series!

Adult Education also offers: Bethel Series; Tuesday Morning Fellowship (with Pastor Duncan); Men's Fellowship (each Wednesday morning led by Jerry McCloskey); and we welcome your ideas. For information, suggestions or comments, come by the Adult Education cart on the patio on Sundays, contact the church office or contact Donald Weber (e-mail: gdwadulted@cox.net; cell phone: 292-8253).



Festival of Faith 2008

Set aside some time on the first weekend of October for this year's Festival of Faith. This promises to be an exciting event with guest speaker Herb Barks. More details as they come in.

