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PUBLIC WORSHIP... AS WE CONTINUE TO SHELTER IN PLACE

By Andy Wilson

On Sunday, June 14, 116 excited people lifted up God's name at three different LCPC public worship services. About 170 more worshipped online through our pre-recorded service on YouTube.

Some of you want to know all about what we're doing to prevent the spread of COVID. That information appears below. But here are the basic schedule and key guidelines:

Throughout July and continuing through the summer we'll offer four worship options, all featuring the same readings and message:

- 9:00 AM New Song Contemporary worship in the Sanctuary (music led by our praise band, The Blessed)
- 9:00 AM New Song Contemporary "Al Fresco" worship, a friendly, worshipful simulcast of the New Song service on an 86" screen in the Courtyard
- 11:00 AM Classic worship in the Sanctuary (music led by Gary Woodward, Elzbieta Nawrocka, and our Choral Music Department)
- Online worship posted at 9:00 AM on YouTube and at lcpc.net (pre-recorded, but with the same readings and message as the other three services)

The key guidelines? We're practicing social distancing. We require masks during worship. We encourage hand washing and offer free sanitizer, masks, and gloves. We'll discourage socializing indoors. We don't have a "greeting time" during services or coffee fellowship between services. In the courtyard we require temperature screening.

Spread the word! Tell your friends! Think of people who've had a hard time during the sheltering and the turmoil following the death of George Floyd and invite them to join you in worship!

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT PUBLIC WORSHIP THROUGH THE SUMMER?

Our planning process for re-opening involved many hours of discussion, research and prayer. Our goals have been: (1) to obey laws and follow sound guidelines provided by various government agencies; (2) to provide choices, especially for those who want or need a high level of safety; and (3) to set a high standard of excellence for all services.

What does a "reasonable" level of safety look like? As we worked through the issues we realized: it looks different to different people. Some have health challenges or live with people with health challenges that require them to exercise extreme caution. Others just don't feel comfortable being indoors with any more than a few people. We've designed the Courtyard service and our online service with those people in mind. *We want everyone to feel welcome and included!*

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

Seeking to prevent the spread of COVID, the LCPC Session has established these worship guidelines:

- All are encouraged to use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit worship
- All are required to wear masks (except worship leaders on the chancel/stage when reading, speaking, leading singing or playing wind instruments)
- Disposable masks and gloves are available at no charge

- Socializing in circles is prohibited in the Sanctuary building (family groups excepted)
- We sing at all worship services
- We do not offer special programs for children or youth
- We do not have a greeting time during services or a fellowship time between services
- At the 11:00 AM Classic service: the LCPC Choir is on summer hiatus, but various ensembles of singers and musicians will be featured throughout the summer
- We will not offer Communion in public worship until July 19 at the earliest
- An online option will be offered Sunday, July 7, at 6:30 PM (live-streamed on the LCPC Facebook page)
- Bulletins are handed out by ushers
- The offering is collected at all services using baskets on poles (a common practice in many churches!)

IN THE SANCTUARY:

- Every other pew is blocked off and 6' distancing in seating is required (family groups excepted)
- For an extra measure of safety the back two open pews (north end) are separated by two closed pews
- The swinging doors leading from hallways and Narthex into the Sanctuary are propped open
- On hot days the air conditioning is turned on but the doors are kept open
- The "Cry Room" adjacent to the balcony is available for parents and young children
- A volunteer team cleans and disinfects the Sanctuary, Narthex and Sanctuary area bathrooms between services

IN THE COURTYARD:

- Chairs are placed 7' apart
- Family clusters in up to four chairs are permitted
- Those worshipping in the Courtyard are required to stop at one of two health stations for a temperature check
- Those with a fever are prevented from entering and special assistance is offered

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PASTOR'S LETTER



Dear friends,

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said:

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

The events of the past few days have shattered our sheltering silence. Maybe this is a good time to ask: Is there something going on in my circle of influence that I need to speak out about?

King also observed:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

As the protests morphed into riots all over America, Christians found themselves asking: How

does my relationship with the Lord inform and shape my response to discrimination and oppression, and to rage and lawlessness? Am I willing to leave my comfort zone in the service of charity or justice?

It's awesome to live in LA. I'm totally energized by the cultural diversity that we enjoy. But there's one disturbing aspect of that diversity. There's no metro area in the US where there's such a wide division in terms of wealth and opportunity.

And that brings to mind more questions. Will churches like LCPC take up the challenges of caring for the homeless, supporting single parent families, and lifting up kids that have fallen behind? Will we take a stand against authority

structures that reinforce failure and discourage honest effort? Will we share the good news of God's love with those who are living in the shadows?

Our sheltering is winding down. The time of "challenge and controversy" is upon us. Let's commit ourselves once again to our gracious God, who "shows no partiality" (Romans 2:11) and "is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

In Christ's love,
Andy Wilson



Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Drive-Thru Graduation for our seniors and promoting 6th and 8th graders. We are so proud of our seniors: Mila Bryan, Tyler Carlson, Katie Clem, Isabella Doom, Katie Hayhurst, Kenzie Hofmann, Arman Manookian, Eva Orozco, and Kayleigh Scott. Congratulations, Class of 2020!

Josh



CFC FAITH UPDATE

It's great to have our wonderful CFC children returning slowly but surely to campus. And while I would have loved to have a big, loud, usual VBS with them this year, we have decided it is best to instead offer a virtual VBS that is open to the whole community for free. Children attending CFC will get to participate in this VBS on July 13-15 in their classrooms. The curriculum is being altered a bit to fit with CFC's set up and schedule and all classes and families attending CFC will have full access to the videos, craft supplies, games etc. I know it will look a lot different than years past but I am excited to still find safe ways to keep our fun, summer events!

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SHELTER IN THE MOUNTAINS ON THE LCPC WILDLIFE TOUR! JULY 26-29, 2020

By Andy Wilson

For a while it looked like we might have to cancel for this year, but our partial, gradual un-sheltering means that most of the spectacular trails of the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains will be open to hikers in July. So LCPC's 18th Wildlife Tour is ON! (As long as sheltering orders aren't reinstated.)

The Wildlife Tour is not a back-packing trip; it's an opportunity to take three different amazing day hikes in three different wilderness zones. We'll explore the wilderness by day and eat pizza and ice



cream and sleep in comfortable, air conditioned hotel rooms by night. We'll also take time each day
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LEE'S LATEST

It's clear we are struggling as a nation. We are struggling with the brokenness of the world in the form of a pandemic, but we are also reminded of the power of sin in the form of racism. Just like a disease, sin can show itself in many symptoms, some more obvious than others. Racism is one of the more obvious symptoms of this enemy, but the book of Revelation tells us that sin is also woven into the fabric of cultures and structures of our world. Like many of you, I'm profoundly broken by what's going on. I'm trying to listen to the Word of God and listen to the experiences and hurts of my black brothers and sisters. And I've been praying.



Can I be honest? I don't know what I'm doing. I don't know how to lead through a pandemic. I am not an expert in racial reconciliation, and I'm overwhelmed by the depth and complexity of the issues that the church is facing on the road to forgiveness and racial healing. I don't know when there will be a vaccine for Covid-19. I'm not sure what the best policies are for unraveling the power of sin embedded in our culture. I struggle to help my children deal with the stress of an uncertain future. I'm not very good at virtual meetings. I've forgotten how to multiply fractions to help Nate with his homework. It seems like I wake up everyday to new crises that I don't have an answer for. So I pray.

In this practice of prayer, I'm discovering a profoundly difficult lesson: I'm not in control. I never was. I never will be. Control is an illusion created by sin. Prayer reminds me that I am dependent; dependent on my loving Father who never meant for me to bear the burdens I try to carry. Sin says, "You can handle this," but my Father says, "Cast all your cares on me." The truth is, I've failed over and over again. I've modeled self-reliance to my children when I should have been showing them that God's strength is perfected in my weakness. Prayer is the remedy. Real, genuine prayer is the antidote to our illusion of control.

months and reducing payroll, the center lost about \$100,000 for the 2019/2020 year. We will most likely continue to operate in the red until our enrollment regains its normal numbers. We appreciate the Session's, and especially your, continued support of the Center for Children.

We continue to be in compliance with health and licensing regulations while providing a wonderful experience for the children that are attending. We ask for your continuing support and prayers.

Dear LCPC Family,
We have made it

through another month of social/physical distancing, wearing face masks and missing hugs! It was so wonderful to be able to worship in person on June 14 and see our church family, even if from six feet away! As I write this article, I do not know how worship will look in the month of July and beyond but know that we will be united in our love for God and each other and that we will still be taking care of and looking out for our family and friends, as our Lord is taking care of us.

We are putting out a call for help with the new in-person worship protocols. Many hands are needed to help with preparations before and after services. You don't have to sign up for every week but are welcome to volunteer as much as you can. Please call Nancy Thomas in the church office to let her know you are available and she will get you on the team.

The Cornerstone group has been diligent in keeping up with the watering and weeding in our



church gardens but would love some help. Students can earn school service hours and everyone can earn the satisfaction of taking care of our beloved church campus. Elaine Collins is the one to call to ask about days and times at: (818) 353-0059.

Your Deacons have also been diligent in keeping in touch with our congregation and each other by phone, mail, computer and prayer. We are always looking for ways to lift up, serve and encourage our church family and community. If you have a need, we are here for you. We truly live to serve.

In Romans 15:5-6 we read:

"Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In Christ,
Kerry Milbrodt

HOW'S THE CFC?

The Center for Children ended operations on March 18 and returned to serving families on April 20. A study group of church members was formed to develop financial and employment policies related to Covid-19. Many decisions needed to be made regarding paying staff, furloughs, tuition

payments, loans, and ongoing business decisions. Currently our teachers on staff are working 75% of their regular schedule and getting paid accordingly. Assistants at the Center were furloughed back in April and we hope to bring them back as enrollment grows.

We started with five children in April and in mid-June we are serving 20 out of our usual 165 children. As you can imagine, even with a PPP loan, finances are tight. Several families have donated in both small and generous amounts to help us through this difficult time. The CFC closes its fiscal year on May 31 and, after not collecting tuition for two





Hallelujah!

The doors of LCPC are open once again! We had a seamless **opening day** on June 14 and no matter which service option people have been

choosing, they are overjoyed to be back together again! If you've been missing live worship music and sermons, the Sanctuary is big enough for everyone to be spaced apart safely. The Courtyard's a wonderful outdoor option, and the breeze and chirping birds only add to the worship experience at 9:00 AM. We'll continue to pre-record and post sermons on our website and YouTube channel for those who wish to worship from home. There's an option for everyone!

Thank you, **Jana Larsen**, for cleaning out all the pew pockets, Bibles and Hymnals to get the Sanctuary ready for worship services. There's also a whole slew of volunteers who attended trainings and help set up for the services each week – **Traci Haleen, Mary Braswell, Will Wolfswinkel, Jana Larsen, Darrell Fernandez, Hilary Norton, Mary Wilson, Victor Bustillos, Armineh Manookian, Michelle Blessinger, Betsy Heckmann, Rebecca Lessley, Frances Mencia** and **Jon Weingarten**, just to name a few! The tech crew's also been working hard each week to record the services – **Paul Hofmann, Geoff Bryan, Dan Blessinger, Jim Granier** and **Henry Mencia**.

Children's and Student Ministries organized a spectacular **Drive-Thru Graduation** celebration for our 6th and 8th graders and high school seniors. Family and friends came to the LCPC parking lot and honked and cheered for the graduates



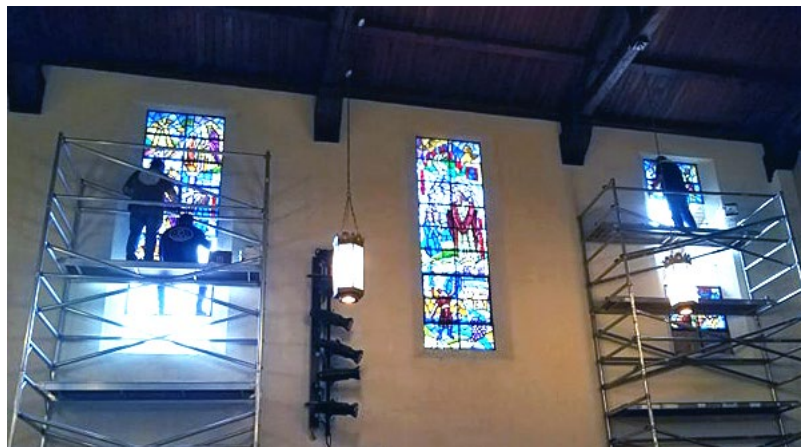
as they paraded by all the cars with their families. Letters were read about the seniors, there was a cap toss and a drive through photo booth. The students were thrilled to have a ceremony and the guests were thrilled to honor them!

As CV had their drive-thru diploma pick up in

June, the CFC kids cheered on the line of cars that waited along Montrose Avenue. Lots of CFC alumni came through the line and the little ones had a great time looking at all the decorated cars. CFC won't be doing their 4th of July parade this year, but will be having a **red, white and blue costume contest** instead. You can bet there will be some fabulous fashion displays of our national colors!

We've all learned this year that things can change quickly, but hopefully Andy and a team will be going to the **Dominican Republic** for the annual **mission trip** December 26 - January 4 (2021). If you are interested in going, **Pastor Andy** would love to talk to you. Be watching for information about a possible **Wildlife Tour** this summer too! Andy's looking into options for one of his favorite outdoor adventures. Stay tuned!

Ashley and **Kristy** are getting technically



creative this year by offering a free, **virtual VBS** for kids age 4-6th grade, July 13-15. Register at: bit.ly/lcpcvbs2020. Children's Ministries will deliver a box of all the supplies you'll need. There will be a Facebook Live video each morning with songs, stories, crafts, games, and all the other awesome things kids love about VBS. Videos will be available to be viewed until August 13. Hope your kids can join them!

Throughout the summer, **Lee** will continue to offer his Facebook Live 30-minute **morning Bible Study** at 9:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **Josh** also makes guest appearances. The **Men's Ministry Zoom meeting** happens every Wednesday from 8:00 -9:00 AM. Two great ways to start your mornings!

If you didn't take the **surveys** that were emailed last month, please do! They're also posted on the home page of our website, lcpc.net. Your answers will provide valuable information to staff in deciding online activities, mission work and the Vision 2020 budget allocations. It only takes a few minutes!

The Lift up La Crescenta prayer group is expanding its horizons to include the surrounding areas. They have changed their name and are now **Lift Up the Valley**, or LUTV. They had two powerful prayer events at Deukmejian Park last month

and plan to continue prayer gatherings twice a month throughout the summer. Be watching for July dates.

CV Together, LCPC's community care ministry, is offering free, confidential services to those in our church community with vocational or financial concerns. A member of the LCPC family can speak with you or La Canada Presbyterian Church's excellent Lay Counseling Program is now available to our congregation at no cost. Contact **Kristy Hicks** at: kristyh412@gmail.com for more information.

Our Old Testament stained glass windows are back from **Judson Studios**, refurbished and reinstalled and they look magnificent! Now the New Testament windows are in for their restoration. It's not too late to donate to the **Stained-Glass Window Matching Fund** on our website.

We couldn't be happier to announce we have not one, but two newlywed couples in our LCPC family! **Jillian Kauffman** wed **James Matson** on May 22 in an intimate backyard ceremony officiated by Lee Cook. **Aubrie**

Cary married **Chase Walker** on June 27 at an outdoor ceremony at an equestrian ranch, also officiated by Lee. Both weddings took place on their original dates on a smaller scale, with full receptions happening later this year. We wish much love and happiness to these special couples!

Now that the church has opened back up, we want to keep the grounds looking tidy, so the **Cornerstone Crew** needs your help on Tuesday or Saturday mornings. If you love gardening, or need community service hours, contact **Elaine Ross-Collins** for more information at: (818) 353-0059.

In addition to keeping the church looking nice, **Elaine** has been caring for three baby peacocks that hatched in her flowerbeds at home. She's been posting pictures on her Facebook page and **Janie Roach** surprised her by making her a photo book of all the pictures from eggs, to mama lying on them, to babies. Such a fun gift!

CFC is looking for donations of larger outdoor play equipment for the kids for this summer. If you have any **Little Tikes type toys** that your children have outgrown, please contact Pat at CFC.

I'll be peeking out from the mouse holes around church, and can't wait to see you whenever you're ready to come back! I miss all your fabulous shoes since that's about all I can see. Talk to you next month!

children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock

When my son, Carter, first came home from the NICU, he was quite a peaceful baby. He slept a lot. He occasionally would bat at his oxygen tube or swipe at his nasal canula, but he rarely cried. Not when he was hungry (that is a whole other story). Not when he needed a diaper change. In fact, the only thing that could guarantee a long, loud infant wail was the sound of Charlie crying. When she cried, he cried. There were lots of hugs that involved Charlie wrapped in one arm and Carter being held in the other while my ears were ringing.

It did not take long for Charlie to realize the connection and she was so comforted by it. In fact, if something upset her, Carter's cries would quickly settle her down. As her mama, I offered soothing words and Band-Aids and forehead kisses. But I didn't immediately weep when she skinned her knee or broke a toy. Carter did. Now, he was so little that I don't pretend he truly understood what Charlie was crying about. But there was something really touching about how affected he was by her hurt.

Romans 12:15 says: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." Generally, I find it very tempting to rejoice with those who rejoice and offer a sincere apology to those who mourn. Because to actually go into mourning myself would be painful. It would require a breaking down of the walls that guard my heart from the pains of the world that I don't directly experience.

Over the past several weeks, I and I think many others, have become more aware of the deep pain, the suffocating hurt that systemic racism causes on a daily basis. I'm embarrassed by how much my eyes have been opened — by how much I didn't see. And the truth is, I will never really understand that hurt. I can never say: "I've been there. I get it." But, one of the things I can do is mourn with those who mourn.

Jesus is the ultimate example of mourning with those who mourn. He owned our suffering. He took it upon Himself on the cross. And while no one will ever be able to fully follow His holy example, I can begin taking steps towards repentance and towards loving the way that Jesus wants me to love. I can ask God to help me grieve with my black brothers and sisters who are grieving. I can ask Him to lower those heart walls so that I can begin to cry, too; not tears rooted in pity, or even tears rooted in shame, but tears rooted in the love of Christ for my neighbor. It is a start.

Normally, the July *Messenger* article would be all about last minute VBS signups and how we



are getting the chancel decorated and volunteers are preparing for their posts. This year is different. We won't have 200 kids in the Sanctuary shout singing and showing they are much better dancer than I am. And we won't have water games on the basketball court. The need for social distancing has changed all that. But that doesn't mean we won't have VBS! Because of the corona virus, we are going virtual!

This year, we are offering a three-day online VBS experienced called BOLT from July 13-15. There will be three grade level divisions: Preschool and Kindergarten, 1st-3rd grade, and 4th-6th grade. Families will be able to access age-appropriate lesson videos, recorded skits, games, craft instructions and more. To make sure all families have what they need to full enjoy BOLT, Children's Ministries will hand deliver boxes of necessary supplies to homes by July 10. There will also be a Facebook live worship time for kids each morning of VBS and a Zoom party on July 15 at noon. Children will learn about the parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus walking on water, and the calling of the disciples. With each lesson, children will be reminded that

Jesus is wise. Jesus is the best leader. And Jesus saves. While this will be entirely free of charge, parents will have an option to donate upon registering. And registration is open now! Sign up the children in your life for a fun three-day, online adventure at: bit.ly/lcpcvbs2020. Registration will be open until July 8.

If you have any questions about VBS, please don't hesitate to email me at: Ashley.g.adamson@gmail.com.

Kids Say The Darndest Things

Charlie has been enjoying Zoom and Facetime playdates with a couple friends during this time of quarantine. One of her 4-year-old friends has mastered the way to end their video calls and perhaps should teach lessons on virtual etiquette.

She says: "Charlie, I have had so much fun with you today. But I think it is time for me to go. Really, thank you for the nice time!"

SESSION REPORT

At the May and June Stated Meetings of Session, the following items were discussed and/or approved:

- Student and Children's Ministries proposal for a Drive-Thru Graduation, honoring promoting 6th and 8th graders, and graduating High School seniors. The ceremonies took place on Friday, June 12.
- Plans for the Worship and Music Committee to reopen the Sanctuary and Courtyard for public worship were approved.
- Approved a two-part survey of the congregation on public worship after the LA County Department of Health approved faith-based organizations to reopen, and priorities for

mission projects. Both parts of the survey were sent out via email and also made available on Facebook and Instagram. Session received a report on the first part of the survey and a preliminary report on the second part.

- Received a report on the financial and enrollment status of the Center for Children.
- Approved an online Vacation Bible School program to take place July 13-15.
- Approved preliminary plans for Children's programming once the health department allows such programs to begin again.

In Christ,
Sheri Gray
Clerk of Session



CFC Heartbeat



It's July and we see the Red, White, and Blue colors everywhere we look. There will be celebrations and fireworks of various kinds around the country. Even though the United States has been through a lot in the last several months, we still celebrate a country that continues to grow and seeks to improve. Our Center for Children family, both in staff and students, represent America. We have people who were born here, people who have traveled far and worked hard to be here, people who are visiting for a year or two, and each and everyone of these people contribute to the fabric of our society. We are blessed to have them with us in this country and at the CFC.

Back in January, a parent came to me and asked if she could add some dolls that represent people of color to our classrooms. I was chagrined by the request. I thought to myself, "Wait, we have those! I've ordered those...where are they?" So I walked around the school and found that the dolls

Director's Corner

had migrated and were mostly in one classroom. I was relieved that we had them, but then realized I had become less diligent in making sure our classrooms represent our world.

Now, as I sit here writing this, as protests continue in our town, as we wait for governmental action to ensure justice for all, I wonder what else we can do here to promote acceptance, unity, and love for all people. Back in the day, when I was just starting as a teacher, there was a movement to not make what we then called "cross cultural education" like tourism. We didn't simply have tacos and break a piñata and think we had represented the Latino or Hispanic community. I remember taking a crayon and coloring in people in story books because they all looked like me. We have so many

more options today and I want to take full advantage of that. We want CFC children to know that families come in all shapes and sizes and come together in all sorts of ways. We want them to know that God loves everyone and instructs us to follow His example. He tells us to be kind to the stranger and fight for justice.

So I ask that you join me and our staff on this journey. We need and want to hear from you about ways we can do better and if we are getting it right. I used to be more diligent. I got relaxed. I can't do that anymore.

Pat

Day Camp Highlights

Here are some of the special activities that the Day Camp kids will get to enjoy in July

- Gen rock! Virtual Assembly
- Creating a Human Aqueduct
- All things Water Balloons

In addition to these and more special activities, we will still be having fun in the classroom doing typical day camp crafts, games and contests. We will still have water play, special snacks, and enjoy time together. Kim played more than 20 different games with kids on zoom so she is sure to bring those to the classroom like Taboo, Bottle flip, Deal or No Deal, and Connect 4. We are also going to have electronic game time each day.

Vision Screening

The Elks Club has been serving children with vision screening since 1950. They are regular visitors to our program and have helped many families identify vision problems their children were experiencing. Children ages 3-6 will be able to participate on July 22. With disinfecting and distancing at the forefront, one of their vision screeners will work with our staff to take children through a vision screening. This is a free service and one that we will be proud to offer. You may sign up in your child's classroom.

Red, White & Blue

On July 2, the classes will be celebrating the Fourth of July in their classrooms and in the Courtyard. This year we will not be able to have our parade or invite parents on campus but the fun will continue. We will ask our kids and staff to still dress in their best red, white and blue. We will even have a contest with our day camp kids! Best outfit wins! We will be making a huge mural that each class will help with to put up in our parking lot to celebrate. We will be closed July 3 for the holiday.

GUSD in the Fall

At the time of writing this GUSD hasn't released what they plan to do for the new school year. Here is what I want you to know:

- We are committed to working with you and the schools to be as helpful as possible with unique schedules and remote learning.
- If we need staff here all day for school age children, then we will make those arrangements.
- If we need to help with remote learning we will find a way to do that so that your student will continue to grow educationally

As the hashtag has been saying, we are in this together.



Vacation Bible School

July 13-15 will be our virtual Vacation Bible School. While working with Ashley we will expand her 3-day program into a complete week of fun and special activities for all the children on campus ages 3 and up that week. If you are not going to be

on campus, look for information on the Children's Ministries page to how you can participate in VBS from home. Only enrolled CFC kids will be on campus that week.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

NEW SONG WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY), SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
SERVICE OF PRAISE (CLASSIC), SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM

During the Covid-19 crisis, Google searches for "prayer" have skyrocketed. Perhaps they seek out of desperation, perhaps it is out of deep psychological need, or maybe they just have time to reflect on what's important in life. Whatever the reason, people are seeking intimacy with God in increasing numbers, longing for a touch from something or

someone bigger, greater, and more transcendent than this world offers. In July, we'll seek to know God together. Each week, we'll study a line from the Lord's Prayer (see Lee's Latest) and discover the God who is inviting us into a profoundly intimate relationship. Join us each week as we continue **Praying for a Change**.

JULY 5 COMMUNION SUNDAY

Message by Lee Cook
"Praying for a Change: Give Us this Day"

JULY 12

Message by Lee Cook
"Praying for a Change: Lead Us not into Temptation"

JULY 19

Message by Lee Cook
"Praying for a Change: Things that Hinder our Prayers"

JULY 26

Message by Lee Cook
"Praying for a Change: Hearing God"



**THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**
Thursday-Friday, August 6-7, 2020

Over the last several years many from our church have enjoyed and learned from the Global Leadership Summit. This year we will not be gathering with La Canada Presbyterian, but that doesn't mean that you can't experience the Summit in your home, at work, or even on vacation! You can register for an online version that will continue to give you a wonderful experience and wonderful support in your leadership roles. You can register here: <https://globalleadership.org/global-leadership-summit/>

WILDLIFE TOUR

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to worship, sing, pray and seek the Spirit's blessing. Each day, hikers will be able to choose among 3-4 routes of varying degrees of difficulty, from moderate (4-7 miles) to strenuous (8-14 miles). Besides hiking, we'll offer a couple of road trips to fascinating sites near the highway.

What precautions will we take against COVID? We'll engage in the hygiene practices that have become habitual: social distancing, handwashing, etc. But you need to know that we will be riding in vehicles in groups every day.

One change for 2020 is that the trip will be shorter than previous trips. That makes it less expensive, less tiring and more accessible for full-time workers. We'll spend all 3 nights of the trip

at the surprisingly refined Motel 6 in Mammoth Lakes. We're offering two lodging options: double rooms or a single room for a higher fee.

The trip is open to anyone going into ninth grade or older, including college students and adults. Families may sign up together. Youth in late elementary school or junior high may participate if they are accompanied by a guardian. Sierra trails can be rugged and east side routes are at high elevations so participants need to be in reasonably good condition.

The fee for Wildlife Tour 2020 will be \$270 for double room occupancy (with two single beds), or \$460 for single room occupancy (availability not guaranteed). It's "first come, first served" and we can only take about 22 people. The registration deadline is Monday, July 13. Watch for registration materials in the Church Office or Student Center.