

# WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## CANDLE



### July 2021– A Quiet Summer at WLCS? HARDLY!!

This is shaping up to be a pivotal time at WLCS. Having successfully navigated our way through COVID with the school and church and all of the background work behind that, we are moving forward into the next phase of our journeys together. With that said, we have some things to announce, and some things that we can soon announce (but not yet!).

**New Early Learning Center (AKA, “Preschool”) Director.** In case you hadn’t heard, **Shirley Becker** is retiring from her position as director of the Early Education Center at First Lutheran Church and School in Torrance after 25 years, and has taken up the challenge of helping us restart our preschool here at WLCS. She begins formally on 8/1/21, but has been working tirelessly as a guide and consultant in this for over a year. Shirley has expertise in hiring staff, refurbishing, remodeling, setting up the environment, and most importantly, shaping the culture of the Early Learning Center (ELC). She will set our ELC back on track to again be part of the WLCS family and as a feeder school for the Day School. We are adding an Infant/Toddler section to the ELC as well. We have appreciated Shirley’s expertise as we have worked to get things ready and modernized to current standards and best practices. Our plan is to reopen on 9/1/21 as a virtually completely new part of WLCS: new name, branding, staffing, outdoor equipment, classroom furnishings, new infant and toddler rooms– every aspect of the ELC is being reworked or replaced.



While we have done a LOT of work to get things ready, we are still going to need to add some equipment and play structures – and invite your participation in that. Attached to this Candle you’ll find a list of things which you can purchase for the ELC to help us make it the premiere early childhood center in the area. We have already invested over \$110,000 in new outdoor play structures and other outdoor enhancements, done a great deal of work on the interior and exterior (flooring, plumbing, reconfiguring rooms) and are in the process of replacing all the classroom furnishings – but we need a bit more and would love your help. Please see the attached wish list for the items that are needed, and join us in making Westchester Lutheran a place where even the littlest of God’s children can thrive.



**New Day School Principal.** Serving as the Interim Principal during this past year, along with my normal pastoral duties and COVID challenges, has certainly been an interesting and worthy challenge – but it’s time to move forward to the next chapter in the Day School’s story. I have been so proud of the staff during this year as they successfully worked through the hybrid learning struggles and COVID restrictions, and we even were able to finally obtain full WASC accreditation! It has been a great year! This past week I worked with the Day School Commission, teacher representatives, and a parent representative, and we interviewed and selected a candidate to recommend to the Church Council at their special meeting next week. We can’t announce that selection until after the vote, but I can say that I am extremely pleased with the choice and look forward to working together with the candidate. As soon as the vote is taken we will make the announcement to the congregation, staff and school community.

July 4<sup>th</sup> at WLC. The July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday falls on a Sunday this year – which means we have something to celebrate in church! Patriotism and faith CAN work hand-in-hand, and we will watch that work this Sunday. The hymns and anthems will all reflect that wonderful connection. Feel free to wear patriotic clothes – but NO FIREWORKS IN CHURCH!!!!

The worship service will feature Holy Communion this week, and the gospel lesson, from Mark 6:1-13, helps us to see the effect of unbelief in the lives of Christians – or from another perspective, helps us to see just why something might not be happening in our own lives.

Blessings!  
Pastor Larry

# Garden Crew



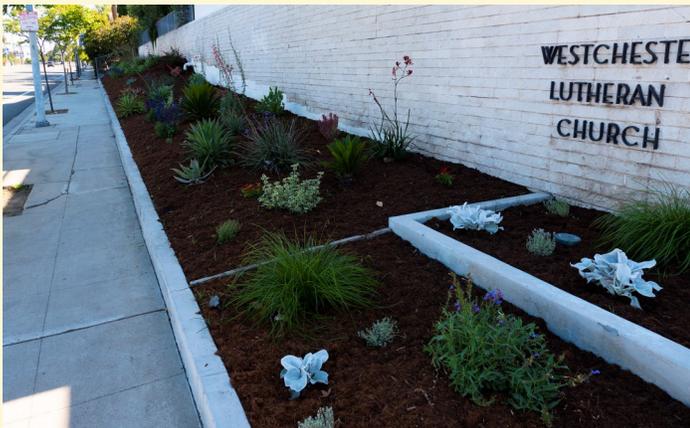
**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9:00 am**

All are welcome to join us in cleaning up our extensive landscaping!

Bring your gardening gloves, pruners, etc.

## Our New Landscaping!

Our dedicated Garden Crew has been able to renovate and refresh the smaller landscaping areas, but has not been able to keep up with the enormous amount of weeding in our Sepulveda Blvd landscaping. They asked International Gardens to design a new landscape design that is drought resistant and easy to maintain. It turned out beautifully! A large portion of the cost for this project was covered by donations from members and the WELCA board. However donations are still needed to pay for the balance of the project. If you are happy to see this fresh new look and are able to make a donation towards the cost, please note on your check/online donation that it is for the Sepulveda landscaping.



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July



**WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**HAPPY  
4TH OF JULY**

**GOD BLESS  
THE U.S.A.**

**ENROLLING NOW  
TK-8TH GRADE**

Tours available by  
Appt. at [WLCS.org](http://WLCS.org)  
310.670.5422



# Vacation Bible School

Go Fish

Go Fish  
BACKSTAGE  
WITH THE  
BIBLE

## SIGN UP FOR VBS!

**Date:** July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

**Place:** Westchester Lutheran Church and School  
7831 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Time:** 9 am– 12 pm **ONLY**

**Cost:** \$25 a day

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*If student is signed up for WLS Summer camp this week, VBS is included**

Kids will be enjoying upbeat music, bible study, crafts, and snacks.

### To Register:

**\*Email:** [kmartinez@wlcs.org](mailto:kmartinez@wlcs.org)

**\*Call the office (310) 670-5422 and speak with Karina**

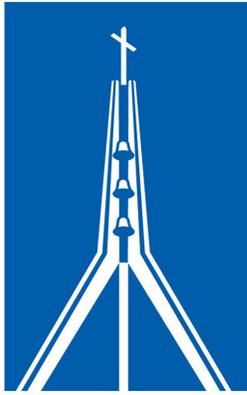


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A Vacation Bible School

**EXPERIENCE!**

# Early Learning Center



# WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN

Early Learning Center

This is the new name and logo for our preschool, approved by the School Commission. So, what is the difference between “Early Learning Center” and “Preschool” ?

Well, first of all, we are adding infant and toddler rooms to the facility and so we will be caring for children age 6 weeks through 4 years. The word “Early” captures that age group.

Second, as we build on the over 50 years of early education that WLC has provided to the community, we are moving into the current best practices for the education of very young children. The research in early childhood has build and changed considerably over the past 20 years. Instead of children sitting at tables and doing worksheets, the focus is on helping the child develop not only cognitively, but also emotionally, socially, physically, and .... something special we offer...develop spiritually. “Learning” is what the children are doing every day...but in ways that are appropriate for this age group – hands on learning through play.

How does learning take place? By offering activities each day planned to develop various skills, by providing environments both inside and outside that stimulate children’s interest, causing them to explore, discover, and creatively think and plan. We are looking forward to putting together these rich environments for each age group.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We need to replace most of the furniture in the classrooms and purchase new furnishings for the infant and toddler rooms. The money that the church had set aside for this is not nearly enough, due to the great price jumps right now and the pandemic-caused financial shortfalls. But yet, we need these items in order to show parents that their child will thrive with us.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to purchase one or more of the items listed. Donations may be made during Sunday service in offering plate, at the church office and online. Please indicate on check or online if you are donating a specific item. We will show our thanks to you by giving you a private tour of the classrooms and yards

4. when the environment is ready for the little ones!

# New Infant and Toddler Room Equipment Needed



Child' View Changeable Display \$109



Book Bin for toddlers \$110



Mirror/Pull up bar \$130



Playhouse Cube and Cushion \$275



Low Toy Shelf for Toddlers \$275



Diaper Storage Shelving 2 at \$300 each



Spiral Mountain Climber \$340



Storage shelves for toddler cubbie bins \$400



Glider Rocking Chair 2 at \$500 each



Changing table with steps \$1100

## Preschool Classrooms



Chairs 20 chairs at \$50 each



Easels 2 at \$119 each

## Preschool Classrooms



Book racks 2 at \$170 each



30 x 30 Square tables 4 at \$188 each



Hollow big blocks sets 2 sets at \$800 each

# Donations from the Heart



Three year old yard –play deck/  
platform under the overhang.  
Made of Trex Composite decking  
\$10,000



Toddler Yard deck around the  
tree, leading to and framing the  
sand box.  
Made of Trex Composite decking  
\$8,000



Four Year old yard– Platform for  
construction, dramatic play,  
gymnastics, etc. Made of Trex  
Composite decking  
\$9,000

## Outdoor Environment Special Gifts

*Take into consideration  
that the outdoor play-  
ground equipment are  
extremely durable  
products made from  
weatherproof wood.*

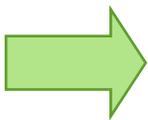


Toddler Outdoor Activity Set  
\$4,300



Preschool Outdoor Hollow  
Blocks \$3,400

## More Outdoor Environment Products



6 seat buggy for the infants/  
toddlers \$1,900



Table and benches  
\$1,300



30 x 30 Square tables  
6. 4 at \$188 each



Sensory Tables  
2 at \$500 each



Angeles Tricycles  
6 at \$225 each

# School News

- July 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Under the Stars
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Loyola Blvd.
- July 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Stars and Stripes
- July 10<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday Jamaal!*
- July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Animal Kingdom
- July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Animation & Theatre
- July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Vacation Bible School, 9 am– 12 pm
- July 29<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday Mr. Steele!*
- Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>: *Happy Birthday Pastor Larry!*
- Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Water & Oceanography
- Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Prehistoric
- Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Science Week
- Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: WLS Summer Camp– Art Week & Basketball Camp



## Congratulations Class of 2021

BELIEVE. ACHIEVE. LEAD.

**Reese** - El Segundo HS • **Kylee** - Hamilton HS • **Warren** - St. Monica HS • **Lina** - Marymount HS • **Ronin** - Portal HS  
**Connor** - Bishop Montgomery HS • **Rhiannon** - University High MAST • **Drew** - Pacifica Christian HS  
**Anthony** - El Segundo HS • **Nicholas G** - El Segundo HS • **Arianna** - El Segundo HS • **Caroline** - Notre Dame Academy  
**John** - Snow Canyon HS, Utah • **Sofia Isabel** - South HS • **Nicholas M** - Pacifica Christian HS • **Gabriela** - Notre Dame Academy  
**Luke** - Pacifica Christian HS • **Matthew** - Loyola HS • **Marissa** - El Segundo HS • **Amy** - Notre Dame Academy  
**Theodore R** - Pacifica Christian HS • **Theodore SAR** - Pacifica Christian HS • **Joshua** - Vistamar HS • **Ryley** - Loyola HS  
**Maya** - Notre Dame Academy • **Ernesto** - Bishop Montgomery HS • **James** - Loyola HS • **Hayden** - El Segundo HS  
**Samuel** - St. Monica HS • **David** - St. Monica HS

## Flower Chart



*Remember and honor loved ones past and present by donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.*

The cost is **\$35**. You may pay online or mail a check to the office. If you would like to take one of the spots available please call the office (310) 670-5422 to get your announcement in the bulletin. Thank you!

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Given by Allan & Colleen Fitzgerald in celebration of their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!
- ◆ Given by Paul & Allison Stastny in recognition of Donna Anderson's dedication to WLC music ministry.

### July 11<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Given by Ida Manuel-Stovall in celebration of Barbara Roamer's birthday! Happy Birthday!
- ◆ Given by Monica, Tina & Rudy Bauer in loving memory of Gerda Bauer.

### July 18<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Given by Ron & Sharie Saqui in celebration of Doug Saqui's birthday! Happy Birthday!
- ◆ Available!

### July 25<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Available!
- ◆ Available!

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## Altar Flowers 2021

### \*Available August dates:

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> (1 spot) and 29<sup>th</sup> (1 spot)

### \*Available September dates:

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> (2 spots), 12<sup>th</sup> (1 spot), 19<sup>th</sup> (2 spots), and 26<sup>th</sup> (2 spots)

### \*Available October dates:

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> (2 spots), 10<sup>th</sup> (2 spots), 17<sup>th</sup> (2 spots), 24<sup>th</sup> (2 spots), and 31<sup>st</sup> (2 spots)

## Anniversaries



**Congratulations & blessings on your wedding anniversary!**

*July 2<sup>nd</sup>: David & Robin Coffin*

*July 6<sup>th</sup>: Allan & Colleen Fitzgerald*

*July 14<sup>th</sup>: Robin & Debbie Rosser*

*July 16<sup>th</sup>: Dan & Jane Engler*

*July 17<sup>th</sup>: David & Leona Hiley*

## Birthday Blessings

*July 3 Howard Mangen*

*July 4 Edward Gariel*

*July 6 Barbara Roamer*

*July 9 Marie Schlager*

*July 12 Wade Widmer*

*July 14 Debbie Rosser*

*July 18 Leona Hiley*

*July 19 Jerilynn Kacena*

*July 25 Dorothy Samuel*



## Praying for Others



**Members & friends hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or long-term illness:** Doris Brown, Rob Button, Susan Cole, Vera Green, Amy Gustafson, Arlene Hiller, Helen Jones, Kathy Klein, Ida Manuel-Stovall, Katie Meyer, Angie Reichenberg, Barbara Roamer, Donald Rousar, Juan Salinas, Mary Lou Schnitzer, Charles Seaberg, Diane Tallman, Kathy Tank, Ruby Williams, Steve Young.

**Members & friends grieving:** Family of Georgiann Young

**Members & friends serving in the military:** Richard Appelhans, Desobry Bowens, David Flick, Jeremy Manning, Donald Moe, Deane Stewart, and Kimberly York.

### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

If you would like to join, or have a prayer request, please contact the office (310) 670-5422

## Your Giving Matters



### HOW YOU CAN GIVE?

- ◆ Mail in your offering to the office.
- ◆ In-person worship on Sunday morning drop in the offering plate
- ◆ Online: (follow steps below)

Go to [WLCS.org](http://WLCS.org)

Click on Payments & Donations

Click on Offerings/Donations

## Save the Date!



**August 1, 2021**

Held on the patio in front of the sanctuary immediately following the service

RSVP to the office by phone (310) 670-5422

## Commission Meetings

### Women's Board

July 11, 2021

11:30 am

Fireside Room

### Day School Commission via Zoom

July 20, 2021

6:30 pm

Contact Chris for information

### Council Meeting via Zoom

July 25, 2021

12:00 pm

Contact Pastor Larry for information

### Life & Growth Commission

August 3, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom & Fireside Room

Contact Laura Downie for information

## Women's Bible Study

### Rebekah Circle

July 18, 2021

12:30 pm

Via Zoom

Contact Kathy Klein for Information

## General Services

SUNDAYS, 10:00 AM  
INDOORS & LIVESTREAM

We are able to offer in-person worship services. Masks are optional. We've got the pews marked off for social distancing, and we're ready for you to safely join us in worship.

### WATCH LIVE ON:



"Westchester Lutheran Church and School"



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