

# **Los Altos**

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## United Church of Christ

## *Windows*

*the monthly newsletter of Los Altos United Church of Christ*

**May 2022**

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### **Highlighted In this issue...**

- Greetings

- Worship **NOTE: A NEW LIVESTREAM LINK!**

**Sunday Morning Worship IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM ON  
FACEBOOK at <https://www.facebook.com/LAUCCMEDIA>**

**(You do not have to be a Facebook subscriber!)**

- Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

- Kenny Sams Celebration of Life

- Mother's Day Sunday

- Calling All Creatives!

- Summer Book Study

- Communion at the Beach

- Reports

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Greetings Los Altos Friends,

Summer is right around the corner which means graduations, outdoor concerts, cookouts, day trips to the beach, hiking in the mountains, and lots of adventures.

As we embark on these new adventures, we think about the journeys we're on; the journeys we are ready to start by taking that first breath to push us forward. We think about the physical, emotional and spiritual miles we are about to log on our step counters this summer and we pray that we are able to be present for every one of those miles.

There's a lot that is happening in our lives this time of year and there's a lot that's happening at Los Altos UCC as we gear up for the summer. You can find out more in this month's newsletter or you can ask me about some of these exciting happenings.

We hope you'll take some time and make part of our adventure, part of yours this summer.

With Christ's peace,  
Pastor Kyle

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**Join us May 1, 2022**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP In Person and Livestream!**

**Sunday Morning Worship LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK**

at <https://www.facebook.com/LAUCCMEDIA>

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[CLICK HERE FOR THE MAY 1st ORDER OF WORSHIP](#)  
**(Print or view on your device)**

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## Boy Scout Troop 126



**Sunday, May 1st - 8am to 12pm  
in the courtyard  
Tickets: \$5.00**

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**Celebrating the Life of Kenny Sams**  
Sunday, May 1, 2022  
3pm  
Los Altos United Church of Christ

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**Mother's Day Sunday at LAUCC**  
**May 8, 2022**

Bring your mother, grandmother, aunt, daughter, granddaughter to church on Mother's Day, May 8. The children and youth are preparing a special Mother's Day gift that they will present during the service to every woman and girl in attendance. Let's honor the women and girls in our lives and applaud the love and respect shown by our children that day.

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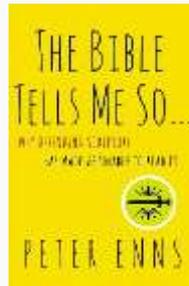
## Calling All LAUCC Creatives!

Quilters, sculptors, painters, drawers, crafters, quilters, poets, lyricists, let's spend some time together and create!

**Sunday, May 15** - we'll meet from 3-5pm at Los Altos UCC in Patterson Hall

I'll provide the snacks!

Peace,  
*Pastor Kyle*



## Summer Book Study

We'll be reading....

"The Bible Tells Me So...Why defending scripture has made us unable to read it" by Peter Enns

We'll meet starting the week of May 29 for 7 weeks - In-person will meet on Wednesdays at 10am but the zoom time is to be determined. Here's where I need your help figuring out a zoom time.

Thoughts on:

Sundays at 4pm?

Mondays at 7pm?

Wednesdays at 7pm?

Let me know! [pastor.los.altos@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.los.altos@gmail.com) or call me at 562-596-6718 or stop by or let me know before or after worship.



## Communion...at the Beach???

I will be holding a monthly sunrise communion service at 6:15(ish)am at Belmont Shore Beach - meet in the parking lot off of Laverne and Ocean Blvd for a time of prayer, meditation and communion. These will be "Bring Your Own Communion" services, so grab a blanket or a chair, your communion elements and join us for some quiet time together.

We'll meet on:

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4



Are you in need of a ride to church? Are you willing and able to provide someone a ride to church? As we start to re-open we're putting together a list of both. Please contact Pastor Kyle at: 562-596-6718 or via email [pastor.los.altos@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.los.altos@gmail.com)

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## SUPPORT LAUCC through Amazon Smile!



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Always share your unique link in your email, social media and on your website. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and are automatically asked if they want to support Los Altos United Church of Christ.

The unique LAUCC charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6004382>

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### **RECYCLING**

A reminder that we are still recycling clear plastic and aluminum cans. Bag them up and leave them by the gate at church or give Mark Allen a call . Unfortunately we cannot accept glass.

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### How can you help?

#### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Each Sunday we have some fellowship time in the Courtyard following worship. If you would like to help by providing some treats and goodies for a Sunday in the future, please sign up in the hallway outside Patterson, or email the church office - [office@losaltosucc.org](mailto:office@losaltosucc.org)

#### Looking for Lay Readers!

Would you like to be a part of a Sunday online service? We're looking for individuals, couples, and families to serve as liturgists and greeters/ushers. If you would like to participate in Sunday Worship sign up in the hallway outside Patterson Hall, or please contact Judy Ekmalian, [jlekmalian@gmail.com](mailto:jlekmalian@gmail.com) and let her know.



#### GIVING...

Thank you for your giving, which supports our ministries, including both our in-person and online worship. We certainly encourage you to give generously as you are able, by leaving your donation in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary. You may also donate by mail, or you can use the QR CODE below **or** go to our church website [losaltosucc.org](http://losaltosucc.org) click on the tab **DONATE**, and use your credit or debit card with a one-time or recurring gift. As an alternative you may also click the following link: <https://losaltosucc.org/ways-to-give/>

Take now a moment and reflect upon ways in which you can offer gifts and be filled with gratitude.



## OFFICE HOURS

LAUCC regular office hours with Cindy on Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 2:00. **WE DO ASK THAT YOU WEAR A MASK INDOORS!** Kyle will be in the office on Monday - Thursday. Please contact us at any time at [office@losaltosucc.com](mailto:office@losaltosucc.com) or [pastor.los.altos@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.los.altos@gmail.com).

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### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know LAUCC has a Facebook page? Please check it out and Like us on Facebook. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on in the life of the church. <https://www.facebook.com/losaltosucc>

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### Finance Corner

A very happy May to everyone! The Finance Team continues to be hard at work.

Highlights include:

The major campus improvement / deferred projects are closed.

The Finance and Facilities Teams have developed a project list that will be maintained and worked to ensure our church and campus are maintained for the future.

The Finance Team applied and received a grant to help support needed work on our Discovery Preschool.

Kindest Regards,  
*Pamela*

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## Facilities

1. Prepared for the annual LBFD inspection and escorted the Inspection team through the facility. We passed.
2. Mark Allen is repairing our church sign as I write this missive.
3. Procured a modest stand-alone scanner with email capability. This replaces the same capabilities that our repro machine lost a few weeks ago.
4. Members of the Facilities Team conducted an inspection of the facility with the contractor. Items were identified, and the contractor closed out all issues.
5. Pastor Kyle has requested the capability for the output from a camera in the Sanctuary be connected to our mobile TV in Patterson.

Tom Provencher  
Lead

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Hello LAUCC,

May means summer is just around the corner! The preschool is busy preparing for the end of the year and the new school year. We will begin passing out registration packets to families who are already enrolled for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Each family will be given some individual time to review their forms and answer any questions they may have. This will give families a more personalized experience as they prepare to start in the fall. If you know anyone interested in joining us, we still have a few open spots or can offer our waitlist.

On Tuesday, May 3 we will be acknowledging our teachers and showing them love for Teacher Appreciation Day because they are the best! In fact, our teacher, Miss Breanna Munson is graduating from CSULB this month with a Master's in Early Childhood Education. Discovery Preschool is very proud of her! We are very lucky to have staff like her that invest their time and education in being amazing teachers!

Kindly,  
*Roxy Menendez*  
Director  
Discovery Preschool at LAUCC  
(562)596-2108  
[discoverylaucc.com](http://discoverylaucc.com)

*When we play, we learn.*

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## **CELEBRATIONS**

*For the Blessings in our lives...*

**BIRTHDAYS:** 5/02 - Sidney A.

*(If you have a birthday or an anniversary that we haven't celebrated, please email the office with your dates.)*

**Gratitude** for all health care workers during this time of pandemic.

## **CONCERNS**

*And now those people and places that weigh heavy on our hearts... I invite you to say a name or place that is important to you, and know in saying it we hold it with you...*

**Prayers** for those who are still catching COVID...

**Prayers** for the **people of Ukraine**, for peaceful solutions and for peace worldwide.

**Prayers** for Tonie's friend **Cheryl** who is battling cancer and ended up with a staph infection from her port.

**Prayers** for **Pastor Kyle's** brother **Aaron** who is recovering from blood clots in his lungs following knee surgery.

**Prayers** for **Cindy's brother Butch** who is in poor health.

**Prayers** for **Alice S. and family** on the passing of Darryl.

**Prayers** for **Stephen and Roberta's** friend, **Raquel D.**

**Prayers** for Sally's friend **Maren P.**

**Prayers** for **Marilou and family** on the passing of Kenny.

**Prayers** for **Lindsay K. and her mother Carrie** on the death of Lindsay's grandfather.

Kathe L. asks for prayers for **Kim M.** Kim had surgery for her endometriosis and is recovering, she still has a long road ahead.

**Continued Prayers** for Wendy P.'s mom, **Sheila H.** as she recovers from her fall.

**Prayers** for Valerie's friend **Beth C.** who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Prayers** for **Kate C.'s brother Mick.**

**Prayers** for **Cathie M.** (former Discovery Preschool aide), **her husband Laddie and family.** Laddie has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Prayers** for **Hazel D.'s** cousin **Robin;** he is diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

**Prayers** for Hazel's grandson **Spencer.**

**Prayers** for Kate and Jackie's friend, **Melanie,** and another friend's granddaughter, almost 1 year old **Sophia Rose** who will have surgery at the end of May.

**Prayer** for **Kristen W.**, diagnosed with colon and liver cancer, undergoing chemo treatments.

**Prayers** for **Brenda K.** who continues to struggle with cancer.

**Jackie P.'s** friend **Dave** asks for prayers for his wife **Rosie**, suffering from dementia.

**Judi M's** continued recovery, and for **Michael** who looks after her.

**Continue to pray** for our homebound members: **Vi D.**

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- 15 Maureen C.
- 16 Jennifer D.
- 18 Billie Grace B.
- 20 Seth D.
- 26 Janet B.
- 31 Char C.



- 30 Dave and Cheryl H.

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## **LINKS TO RESOURCES**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE UCC**

<https://www.scncucc.org/>

**Keep up with the latest OFFICIAL SOURCES for news on the current Coronavirus pandemic:**

**Official California Covid-19 Response Site:** <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

**Centers for Disease Control:** <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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**World Health Organization:** <https://www.who.int/>

**RESOURCES for ANTI-RACISM**

<https://www.scncucc.org/responding-to-racism>

<https://www.pbs.org/weta/reconstruction/>

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