



August 2026 The Oakleaves

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Welcome Pastor Carl Kaye and Grace!



Join us in welcoming
Rev. Carl Kaye and his wife Grace!

Rev. Carl Kaye served with LCMS World Missions in Southeast Asia, and has a rich and diverse career. Before and after his international mission service, Rev. Kaye has maintained an active career in pastoral ministry. He most recently served as the Administrative Pastor at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Alhambra, California. August 2026 marks the beginning of his 15th year of service.

Rev. Kaye is married to Grace, and they have one son who is currently serving in the Navy on the East Coast. The Kaye family enjoys travel, cross-cultural interactions, and exploring the diverse cuisines of different cultures

We want to show the Kayes some SOLC hospitality with yummy meals throughout their first month with us. Join the meal train for August by visiting
www.tinyurl.com/KayeMealTrain

How is God calling YOU into Service in His Church?

Have you missed some of the things we "usually" do or "used to" do? Do you have something you feel God is calling you to start up? PRAY about it and then share it with your Elder or someone in a related leadership position.

Here are a few areas of need currently:

1. Spearheading the Mercy Pack Ministry
2. Stepping into Vacation Bible Camp planning/directing for next summer
3. Organizing a Hospitality Team
4. Leading a Compassion Team for those who need support with everyday needs
5. Prayer Circles, anyone? Needs someone to start it...



FEET — Families Encouraging + Equipping Together

Thank you, Don Bostrom for hosting our July Pool Party for FEET - Families Encouraging and Encouraging Time!

We will wrap our summer fun with a Camping Trip to the KOA Santa Paula Campground from August 4-7.

Check out the website (<https://koa.com/campgrounds/ventura-ranch/>) and let Chris Gordon know if you are joining us! Day visitors are welcomed too!

Finally, we are hoping to hit the beach for a Back to School FEET on Sunday, August 23rd. We will head out after Worship and meet up at Point Dume for some fun in the sun!

Friends are ALWAYS welcome!



Elder Shoutouts:

- Thank you to **Chansom** and **Vahn** for loving on our congregation so well. We will miss you both greatly but are excited to hear how God is working through you in Chicago! We look forward to your visits back home here at SOLC!
- Thank you again to **Makayla Smith** for your quiet dedication God and this church as secretary. Blessings on your next phase in Chicago!
- Welcome to **Becky (Windsor) Brochu** as our new church secretary, aka Super Glue, holding the inner workings of the church together. We look forward to serving alongside of you.
- Thank you to our dedicated Call Committee: **David, Rhonda, Jessica, Jason, Ann, Emily** and **Jeff** for working through all the details of surveying, communicating and representing our congregation well as God lead us to our new Pastor.
- Welcome to **Pastor Carl Kaye** and **Grace**! We praise God for His faithfulness and goodness in sending you to Shepherd this church. We look forward to growing in unity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our church, school and our community.

In Memory of Robert True

It is with sadness that we share the passing of our dear friend and brother in Christ, Robert True. Though his passing was unexpected, we are grateful for the gift of his life and the many ways he blessed those around him.

Robert was a proud United States Army veteran who faithfully served his country. He loved living in the San Fernando Valley and enjoyed taking trips to nearby places, finding joy in both the journey and the people he met along the way. He had a big heart and never met a stranger. Robert could strike up a conversation with anyone—and usually did! He had a special gift for making others feel welcomed and valued.

Robert loved people and animals alike. He enjoyed watching sports and especially loved attending the church's annual Super Bowl party. His enthusiasm, laughter, and fellowship made those gatherings all the more memorable. He knew everyone in our church family, and they knew him because he made it his mission to know and care about others.

Above all else, Robert was a faithful man of God. He exemplified what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The fruit of the Spirit was evident throughout his life—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He lived out his faith not only through his words but through the compassion, generosity, and genuine care he showed to everyone he encountered.

Robert leaves behind a legacy of friendship, faith, and love. His presence brought warmth and encouragement to so many, and his absence will be deeply felt within our church family. While we mourn his passing, we also give thanks for the life he lived and the testimony of God's grace that shone through him.

Robert True will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him, but his memory will continue to bless us. We are comforted by the hope we have in Christ and rejoice knowing that his faith has become sight.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23



Zoo News from the Children's Center

by Director,
Arusyak Dzheyranyan

Dear SOLC Families,

Our summer camp session will be wrapping up on **August 7**, and our **fall program will begin on August 12**. We are excited for another wonderful school year ahead!

We ask for your continued prayers as we prepare to open our **infant center**. We are very close to opening and are currently waiting for the final touches to be completed. We are grateful for everyone's support and prayers as we take this exciting next step.

This summer has been filled with so many fun and memorable experiences for our children. They have enjoyed a variety of special activities, including the carousel, marionette puppet show, insects and reptiles, drum experiences, waterslides, science shows, and bubble shows. We loved seeing the excitement and wonder on the children's faces during each activity. These special moments brought so much joy to our summer.

As we prepare for the new school year, we will miss all of our friends who are leaving us for kindergarten or pre-K. We pray that they will carry the love, joy, and memories they created at SOLCC with them. We hope they will come back to visit us soon!

Once our regular school year begins, our teachers will help children transition back into their learning environment. Our preschool year will begin with exciting themes:

- **Week 1: Welcome** — Children will become familiar with their classroom, teachers, and new routines.
- **Week 2: Friendship** — Children will learn about building friendships, kindness, and caring for others.
- **Week 3: All About Me** — Children will learn about themselves, their unique qualities, and their families.

As we begin this new school year, we ask for your prayers for joy, new friendships, meaningful relationships, and a closer walk with God. We are excited for all the wonderful memories and learning experiences ahead!

With love,
Miss Arus
Director



August-September 2026 Events

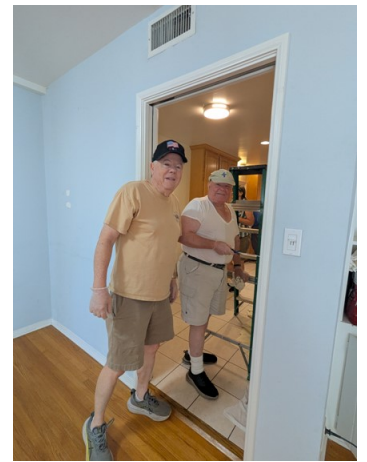
*All dates and times
are subject to change*

Tues, Aug 4	Healthy Life, 4:30 pm	
August 4-7	FEET Family Camping Trip	
Wed, Aug 5	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Aug 8	LWML, 9 am	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm
	Bible Study, 6:30 pm	
Sun, Aug 9	Bible Study, 8:45 am	Sunday Worship, 10 am
Tues, Aug 11	Healthy Life, 4:30 pm	
Wed, Aug 12	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Thurs, Aug 13	School Board Meeting, 7 pm	
Sat, Aug 15	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Aug 16	Bible Study, 8:45 am	Sunday Worship, 10 am
	FEET, 12 pm	
Tues, Aug 18	Healthy Life, 4:30 pm	Council Meeting, 7 pm
Wed, Aug 19	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Aug 22	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Aug 23	Bible Study, 8:45 am	Sunday Worship, 10 am
Tues, Aug 25	Healthy Life, 4:30 pm	
Wed, Aug 26	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Aug 29	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Aug 30	Bible Study, 8:45 am	Sunday Worship, 10 am
Tues, Sep 1	Healthy Life, 4:30 pm	
Wed, Sep 2	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Sep 5	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Sun, Sep 6	Bible Study, 8:45 am	Sunday Worship, 10 am
Tues, Sep 8	Healthy Life, 4:30 pm	
Wed, Sep 9	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Thurs, Sep 10	Evening Bible Study, 7 pm	
Sat, Sep 12	LWML, 9 am	Men's Group, 10 am
	Contemp. Worship, 5 pm	Bible Study, 6:30 pm

*Scan for
full calendar*



Thank you to all who came together to prepare the parsonage for the Kayes. Bless you for serving well together!



Join us in wishing God's blessings on those celebrating their birthday or anniversary this month:



Birthdays:

Cindy Hanna	8/10	Dick Robertson	8/23
Aurora Pan	8/16	Elaine Werner	8/28
Rhonda Renneker	8/23	Rolain Tankou	8/29

Anniversaries:

James & Inga Windsor
8/25

Thank you,
Nursery Volunteers
August—September 2026

8/2 Laura Redmond,
 Tahirih Petrya
 8/9 Sammy Khalili
 Cindy Hanna
 8/16 Saana Campana,
 Kayla Hanna
 8/23 Sonia Uwanawich,
 Tonika Farmer
 8/30 Lily Grace,
 Jordan Buenafe
 9/6 Marleen Nicholas,
 Laura Redmond
 9/13 Tahirih Petrya,
 Saana Campana
 9/20 Sonia Uwanawich,
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 9/27 Cindy Hanna,
 Kayla Hanna

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 Inga Windsor
 8/9 Lorraine Salcedo,
 Charlene Irwin
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 9/20 Bryant Small,
 Charlene Irwin
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Baptismal Birthdays: members of Jesus' family

The Church Office records show the following members as having a baptismal birthday this month.

(Please contact the office if your baptism date is incorrect.)



Tatiana	Faus	8/01
Sophia	Cohen	8/09
Tahirih	Petryha	8/13

A Message from the Pastor...

by Pastor Carl Kaye

A Letter To The Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We extend our sincere gratitude for the warm welcome and the meticulous preparations that have been made for our relocation to Sherman Oaks. We are deeply appreciative of your support.

We eagerly anticipate our continued growth in Christ and our fulfillment of His Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. We extend our prayers for the enrollment of new families at our preschool and the acquisition of an additional license for infants by the State of California. We are in close proximity to obtaining this license.

We invite you to volunteer at the preschool, where you will have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with our dedicated teachers and their exceptional work in nurturing our children in the Christian faith.

We are fortunate to have Becky Windsor as our new secretary, who,

like Makayla, plays a pivotal role in our office's communication and customer service functions. We are grateful for her contributions.

We extend our well wishes to Makayla Smith as she embarks on a new career path in Illinois. We have gained valuable organizational skills from her and her colleagues.

As we look to the future, we rely on your financial support, prayers, and physical presence to collaborate with our Lord in reaching the lost for Christ. My family and I eagerly anticipate serving alongside you.

In Christ,

Rev. Carl and Grace Kaye