

~~CANCELING~~  
CHRISTMAS?  
2020



**LEEWARD COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
*a Place to Belong and Believe*



**Today - December 20, 2020**

*Welcome!*

*We're glad you're here at our 10:30 a.m. service and on Facebook LIVE. We would love to stay connected with you. May you find Leeward "A Place to Belong and Believe".*



## Phone in for Prayers

after the service till 1:00 pm

**808-650-2880**

If you would like prayer after our service, phone in to speak with one of our prayer team leaders.

**Send in your  
decisions,  
sign-ups,  
comments, and  
request information  
on the**

# **e-Response Form**

*Would LOVE to  
hear from you!*

[click here](#)

## Upcoming Events



Return  
to LCC

*In Person Service!*

Sundays at 10:30 am

Ticketed Event  
Observing 10 ft. distancing  
or

Join us online, on our Facebook LIVE

[Click Here](#) for tickets

Click here to join our service on [FACEBOOK LIVE](#)

## CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

NOW AVAILABLE FOR AGES 3-11



Pick one up in the lobby or  
[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD.](#)

# ~~CANCELING~~ Christmas? 2020

So, the Big Question: ~~CANCELING~~ Christmas 2020? The mood and context seems so. But, is Christmas canceled? Not yet. This season of waiting and hoping is part of this season called the Advent. And the Advent is about

*"a new beginning...observing Advent is welcoming Newness and helps you as you face a New year just round the corner".*

So, before we start ~~CANCELING~~ Christmas, let's allow the Word to fill us, the Wonder of this season to grip us and prepare ourselves for 2021 with God leading us forward.



***Join us in person at our ticketed 10:30 am Sunday Services. [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.***

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| <b>Sun. Dec. 13</b>   | <i>The Words have Become...</i>  |
| <b>Sun. Dec. 20</b>   | <i>Why Christmas Still Matters...</i>  |
| <b>Thurs. Dec. 24</b> | Online only on FB Live, 7:30 pm<br><i>Christmas Eve Service<br/>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> |
| <b>Sun. Dec. 27</b>   | Kupuna Service<br><i>Peace on Earth, good will toward men...</i>                             |

## Upcoming Events



Join us for a "Silent Night, Holy Night" Christmas Eve Service on Facebook Live.



Sunday, December 27, 10:30 am

Welcome Seniors to our every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, Senior Service. It is a safe place, practicing 10 ft. distancing seating. If needed, 1 care provider/assistant, may accompany you. Call or email the church to reserve your seats. For everyone else, please join us on FB live with your communion elements.

## Upcoming Events

### Virtual Christmas Giving Tree with River of Life

**Dec. 6 – Dec. 20**  
Upper Lobby



[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#) in the virtual giving tree. Drop off unwrapped items in the Giving Tree box at the church. Weekdays from 9am to 5pm box will be located outside the front door lobby.



## Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Monday Advance Class  
Thursday Beginner Class

Held Online on ZOOM

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

## Upcoming Events



### ONLINE GIVING CHANGE FROM ACS TO BREEZE

*Breeze  
Giving Module  
to start on  
JAN. 1, 2021*

Current Online Donors:

Check your email for your  
Breeze Account access.

ACS church online giving will be ending on Dec. 31, 2020. LCC's new online giving system will be on Breeze starting Jan. 1, 2021. Email questions to [Breeze@leewardcommunitychurch.org](mailto:Breeze@leewardcommunitychurch.org)



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CRISIS RESPONSE SMALL GROUPS

**Hurts? Habits? Hang-ups?**  
**Here's HOPE**

**Thurs. 6:30 pm, ONLINE**

A Christ Centered 12-Step Program that focuses on healing all of life's challenges. All adults welcome to attend.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP.](#)



Leeward Community Church



# Community Service

Loving God, Loving Others. **Matt. 22:37-39**

Reaching out in tangible ways to bless the community with the love and hope of Jesus.

## This Week's Happenings

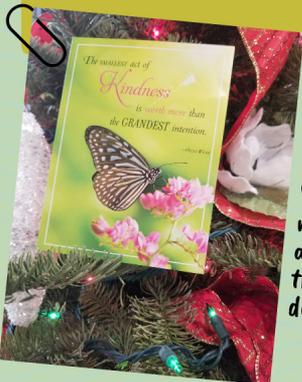
### Take Away Meals



# 126

Individuals Fed This Week

This Tuesday call in recipients received 7 lbs of frozen chicken, 2 lbs fresh tomatoes & 4 lbs oranges, 5 lbs rice, canned peaches & corn, and eggs. We also gifted them with a Christmas family activity bag - Falala Frenzy "Amazing Race Style". Blessings a Praying for God moments in their lives. ♥



"Thank you so much. We appreciate all that you are doing" - S.W.

### Giving Tree for River of Life Mission serving the homeless

# 146

items have been signed up for thus far. Thank you for blessing those in need with your generosity and kindness!



### Meals on Wheels

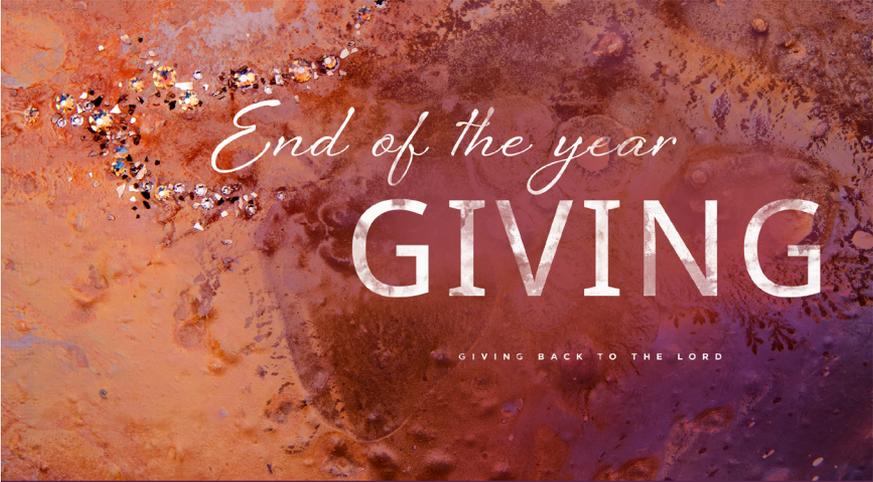
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households served this week

A special Covid-19 gift bag with "keep safe" items were gifted to each household from LCC! - love in action



## Upcoming Events



*End of the year*  
**GIVING**

GIVING BACK TO THE LORD

To be tax deductible for 2020, end of year giving needs to be dropped off in the black box at the church office by 12:00 p.m., Wed., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> or postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Profit & Loss from Church Operations

October YTD

2020	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Receipts:	\$ 792,595	\$ 931,177	\$ (138,582)
Expenses:	\$ 765,328	\$1,118,499	\$ (353,171)
Net Income:	\$ 27,267	\$ (187,321)	\$ 214,588

We honor God by acknowledging He is the giver of all we have.  
Thank you for your life changing gifts.

# 3 ways to give



**in person**



**by mail**



**online**

We believe that tithing and giving is an act of worship, surrendering a portion of what the Lord has blessed us with. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord and the support of His ministry.

## Church Information

*CHURCH OFFICE: by APPOINTMENT ONLY*

**Leeward Community Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance**

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**Phone:** 808.456.1340

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(bulletins posted on website and app)

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

**Closed:** Sat/Mon/Holidays

## Church Staff

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## Elders

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# "A Place to Belong and Believe"

*Let's Stay Connected!*



Visit our website: [leewardcommunitychurch.org](http://leewardcommunitychurch.org) for the latest updates.  
Download our Leeward Community Church App on  
iTunes App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore.



Join in on Daily Devotions  
with Pastor Joe and  
Debbie,  
Monday - Friday.



Leeward Community  
Church



Very cool Family Fun  
ideas and activities are  
posted daily.  
Follow along!



Leeward  
Community Church  
AWANA Ministry



Our LCC Youth Group  
Community is on Instagram  
with IGTV and new videos.



[lcc\\_crossculture](https://www.instagram.com/lcc_crossculture)

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Series: ~~Canceled~~ Christmas 2020?

Title: Why Christmas Still Matters

Text: Luke 1:26-35; Matthew 1:18-25 and John 1:14

Speaker: Pastor Joe Ong

## Introduction:

### Mary's C

Luke 1:26-35: "In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.'

'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'"

### Joseph's C

Matthew 1:18-25: "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' -which means, 'God with us.'

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

**John 1:14, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of Grace and Truth.”**

**Collision of D\_\_\_\_\_ and H\_\_\_\_\_ had its full expression in Jesus.**

John 1:14, “The word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.” *The Message*

“Dwelling” and “tabernacle” in the Old Testament.

There are at least **THREE POWERFUL T**\_\_\_\_\_ that the tent of meeting corresponds to Jesus “dwelling among us.”

1. The tabernacle was God’s **D**\_\_\_\_\_ place
2. The tabernacle was the place where God **M**\_\_\_\_\_ with His people.
3. The tabernacle was the place where **S**\_\_\_\_\_ was made for sin.

### **The Collision of Grace and Truth**

John 1:14: “...who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” The **Jesus was...**

#### **1. Full of grace.**

Grace is **O**\_\_\_\_\_ kindness, good will and favor.

#### **2. Full of truth.**

Jesus was truth **P**\_\_\_\_\_ because He fully permeated perfection, knowledge, wisdom and excellence. All that He spoke was truth.

Because He’s God in the flesh, there’s no conflict in this collision.

### ***The Collision Between Self and the Savior***

“No one ever met the Savior and stayed the **S**\_\_\_\_\_.”