



the lake church

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## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JIM

***"Be still and know that I am God."*** (Psalm 46:10)

(Jesus said): ***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*** (Matthew 11:28)

***"Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."*** (Genesis 2:3)

***"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."*** (Exodus 20:8)

(Jesus said): ***"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."*** (Mark 6:31)

***"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety."*** (Psalm 4:8)



Question... Do you see a theme here?

Of course! These verses are promises of rest, Sabbath, peace, sleep, and safety.

Our world today is VERY broken, as is our nation. And yet – despite it all – God offers His children eternal truths. He provided us His Son Jesus, and when HE went back to heaven, He sent us the Holy Spirit.

And yet... we worry, fret, get angry at the news, and get all wound up. And I get it. However, we need to learn to CAST all of the care we have on HIM because HE indeed can carry the load better than you or I. (Read 1 Peter 5:7)

I rejoice that we have the LORD! We have God's Holy Spirit. We have the WORD of God.

So, give thanks and then ask the LORD how you may get into your spirit one or more of the verses above.

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God wants us to live a life FREE of fear, doubt, and worry. We may still have difficult times, but we need to TRUST GOD and lean on Him. He will guide, comfort, and be with us... through whatever comes our way!

I'm so glad YOU are a part of our church family! Whether you're with us in live church or watching online; whether you're a member or a regular attendee... YOU are a part of our family!

One more verse for you to ponder (and memorize) – ***“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee.”*** (Isaiah 26:3)

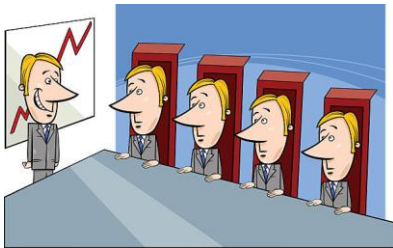
**Perfect peace** in Hebrew: ***“Shalom Shalom.”*** (Doesn't that sound good?)

Be Blessed. Shalom.

*Pastor Jim and Debbie*

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



The Board is busy working on the budget for the year 2022. Once we have it finalized, it will be presented to the church members, as per our bylaws, for final approval. Since we will not be having a Church dinner, where we would normally vote on it, before the end of the year, we will be mailing out copies of the budget and a ballot for everyone to vote on. So, look for it sometime in December. The bylaws also stipulate that any new Board member must be approved by the members. We have two new members since the last vote, so their names will also be on the ballot for approval.

We have a very generous and wonderful group of people for our membership, so financially we are in good shape, even with the pandemic... Much better than most churches, especially small churches like ours. You will be able to see our finances when the budget is sent out for approval. Any questions can be directed to me or our treasurer, Don Wenskay. Don't ask Pastor Jim, we keep him away from this. (Much to his delight)

God Bless, stay safe, and enjoy Thanksgiving and all that goes with it.

*Art Pedersen*

Chairman, Board of Directors.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE



Once again, The Lake Church will hold a Toy and Gift Card Drive for Armed Services YMCA on Camp Pendleton.

ASYMCA suggests gift cards for Walmart, Target or Amazon. In addition, Christmas wrapping paper, ribbon, gift tags and Christmas cards are welcome. Please **do not wrap** the items that you donate.

Our Toy and Gift Card collection dates will be Sunday, November 28th and Sunday, December 5th. We will have tables in the back of church for your donations. All items will be picked up by Armed Services YMCA on December 8th.

Last year our Toy and Gift Card Drive was a big success. This year let's do what we can to help our military families have a happy Christmas and put big smiles on those little kids and the teens too.

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## SILVER BELLS ARE RINGING

Ladies, mark your calendars as for December 8<sup>th</sup> when we'll celebrate Christmas with our next Ladies' Luncheon. Our theme will be "Silver Bells" and we'll be feasting on Chicken Piccata with linguine and spinach, salad, rolls, and cream puffs for dessert! The cost is only \$32 and will include awesome professional entertainment by our very own Stan Beard!

