

# THE TRYLON

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We said goodbye to Pastor Sharon . . .

... and hello to Pastor Jae and his family!

From Left:

Karen Lew, Yang Lew and Pastor Jae Lew



### From Pastor Jae

The Word "LORD" in My Heart. "Lord, what would you like us to be?"

Years ago, when I first met a missionary in Cambodia, the word that often opened him into his prayers was "lord." I felt that our God became specifically Lord to him, and I kept hearing that word from his lips. Then my instant reaction was this – "Isn't it too much?" It sounded too forward, and a little bit exaggerating, at least to me. Later, however, that word "Lord" became one of the words that I kept as precious as much.

There was a reason. More and more, walking with God for missions and ministries, and dealing with "hardheaded" myself, I have realized that the word 'Lord" specifically defines my relationships with God. I am happy to confess, saying, "God, you are my Lord, and I am blessed to be your servant."

Since then, change has happened in my wordings of questions that I often made. The questions were like these: What can we do? What do we like to see happen in our lives? With that realization, the word that I intentionally replaced was the subject. In place of the "we," I put God Lord there. Theological thoughts on my head finally came down to my heart. In a way, my theological worldview re-tuned my habits of wording and speaking. At the time when my relationships with God sometimes seem to be dead, they become awake and alive in me, with that little change. A little change makes a big difference.

- Lord, my dear God, what would you like me to be today?
- Lord, what would you like to see happen in my life today?
- Lord, what would you do with my church at this time of search and transition?



It's been a month since I began to settle down at Sierra Madre. "My brothers and sisters, your graceful welcomings have helped me and my wife Yang already feeling at home with you." I unpacked all the boxes, without leaving any box unopened. The first touch of settlement has been almost done at gardens, decks, and my office. Plants such as plumeria and *(continues next page)*  (continued from previous page)

agave are planted, books are reshelved, and spider webs are removed as a sign of my claim to spiders, saying, "Hey guys, I am sorry. I am here!"

In August, I believe that it may get a little warmer. But I am ready to move on with you.

- With every Sunday worship service, we will take that holy process of weekly renewal.
- With the Bible reading in-one-year, we will continue to feed our souls with the Word of God and the His-story.
- With the Homecoming Rally Day in September, we will continue to search and invite our friends for the holy walk with our Lord.

I am humble, grateful, and attentive to our Lord God.

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deed, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10: 24-25).

Blessings,

Jae Lew

### **August Lectionary Readings:**

August 7	Isa. 1: 1, 10-20; Heb. 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40
August 14	Isa. 5: 1-7; Heb. 11: 29 – 12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56
August 21	Jer. 1: 4-10; Heb. 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17
August 28	Jer. 2: 4-13; Heb. 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

## Weekly Psalms for August:

Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23
Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
Psalm 71: 1-6
Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

Pastor Jae's sermon titles and Worship themes for August					
August 7	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Communion Sunday <i>"The Great Risk, The Faith"</i> – Hebrews 11: 6-12 * Our youth, Jadon Miller, will share his story of summer camp.				
August 14	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost "In the Field Treasure is Hidden" - Matthew 13: 44-48				
August 21	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost "The Lord said, 'I Knew You'" – Jeremiah 1: 4-10				
August 28	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>"What If My Cisterns are Cracked " – Jeremiah 2: 9-13</i>				

## "The Bible in One Year" Challenge Continues . . .

If you have been keeping up with the daily reading plan you will now be half-way through the Bible! And, for some of us, this means stepping into less well-known territory. In



the Old Testament we have recently read about the judges and kings of Israel, including the building of the temple by Solomon. In the New Testament, in the Acts of the Apostles, we are learning how the disciples went forth to spread the Good News. Each day we also have a dose of wisdom from Proverbs or the Psalms.

Do not worry if you are finding it hard to keep up! Feel free to read at your own pace. A group of us meets monthly to talk about the Bible and reflect on what we have read. You are welcome to attend even if you are not participating in the program. Details for July's meeting will be released later.

There are paper copies of the daily readings available at the Usher's Cart, but if you would like to receive daily emails or use the Bible in One Year app on your phone, please contact me for help.

Jill Schofield Lay Leader

## **August Lunch Bunch**

**Who**: Everyone! All are welcomed.

What: Lunch/brunch.

Where: TBA

- **When:** Sunday, August 14 after worship. Meet outside to carpool and decide where we want to go.
- Why: Fun, food, and fellowship. Friendship evangelism invite a friend or a family member – even if they didn't come to church! They can meet you for lunch/brunch and get to know your church family in a relaxed setting.

Questions: Contact the church office.

Lunch bunch typically meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month; the location is decided by the lunch bunch group. If you would like to host a Lunch Bunch, or choose a restaurant as a destination, please contact the church office, Anna Garzzia or June Drenten (Anna & June are Co-Coordinators of the Outreach Team).

## Are you looking for in-home assistance?

Maria Luna, a member of our church, is available. She does personal care for women or men. No housework, and no less than 5 hours a day. Maria's contact info is in your church directory, or you may contact Pam in the church office to get in touch with Maria, who can tell you more about her rates and services.





Our next Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, with a Move Date on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are still collecting for the next Sale!

Watch for information on Work Dates and other updates in this space and midweek.

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD BANK DONATION RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ONGOING WISH LIST ITEMS for LOCAL FOOD BANKS

#### FAMILY FOOD ITEMS

Rice Beans Spaghetti/pasta Hamburger/Tuna Helper Cereal Crackers Cans: Vegetables Fruit Hearty soups Baked beans Spaghetti sauce Tuna Chicken

Cooking oil Zip-top bags, gallon/quart Plastic grocery bags

#### HOMELESS LUNCH ITEMS

Spam Vienna sausages Small canned hams Beef stew in microwave bowls Dry ramen noodle packs Fruit cans Shelf milk Capri juices Hot chocolate Small chips Assorted cheese crackers/individual saltine packs Applesauce cups Mac and cheese bowls

#### HOMELESS PERSONAL ITEMS

Jackets Socks Razors & shaving cream Mini shampoos/conditioners Mini lotions Mini soaps Toothbrushes, mini toothpaste Mini deodorants

#### **OTHER DONATIONS**

Pet food: dogs and cats Diapers – all sizes Baby formula Feminine hygiene products Toilet paper



## Report from the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees of Sierra Madre UMC has completed the preparations for Pastor Jae and his family to move into the Parsonage.

We have done extensive tree trimming throughout the campus.

The transition to our new gardener Francisco Acero has been made.





## **ATTENTION CRAFTERS!**

Only four months until our AGF and Boutique! Hope your needles are hot from overuse. Contact June or Candace for information.



- 1 Rev. Jae Duk Lew, Pastor
- 6 Joe Schuster
- 18 Carol Anne Werthwein
- 27 Carrie Snyder Rich Snyder
- 28 Annemarie Werthwein



24 – Revs. Sharon and Roy Snapp-Kolas



## Sarah Circle Book Club meets on Fourth Fridays

Connie Wortham's house

## CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced. Call Connie Wortham if you want to meet her individually to make cards.





The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. You can also contact us at our email addresses:

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Be to me a rock of refuge, A strong fortress to save me, For you are my rock and my fortress." Psalm 71: 3

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
31	1		3	4	5 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC LIGHT DAY	6	
7 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <mark>9:30 a.m. – Worship</mark> 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	8 INT'L CAT DAY !	9	10	11 PLAY IN THE SAND DAY	12	13 CAF CHURCH 12:00 – 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall	
<b>14</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Lunch Bunch	15	16 FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m,	17 Nonprofit Day	18	19	20 Honey Bee	
21 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	22	23 BUTTERED CORN DAY	24 FRIENDS IN CORE PRESENTS All Jazzed Up to Serve 8-23 to 8-25	25 NATIONAL BANANA SPLIT DAY	26 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie's House	27	
28 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	29 LEMON JUICE DAY	30 Card Creation - Connie Wortham's house	31	1	SH = Si SHCR = HH = Ha	iations orary Lounge erra House = SH Conference Room artzell Fellowship Hall /esley Chapel	