



Thursday, July 10, 2025

This Sunday



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13

"Will You Be a Neighbor?"

Luke 10:25-37

**Subversive Questions: Learning to Live in the
Upside-Down World of Jesus**

Rev. Mike Eller

SUNDAY'S LEADERS

Elder—Cory Lehnbeuter

2nd Reader—Milo Haines Walker

Greeter—Mineko Yajima

Ushers—Alice Mungwa, Vicky Li

A Word from Pastor Mike

Hello, Friends!

In a day when we take it for granted that one would be safe going to church (just this week, a bishop in California issued a message that some may feel unsafe attending mass because of the real threat of ICE raids), I want to assure you that we will do everything in our power to live out what it means to be sanctuary for all. This means, you are welcomed just as you are, no questions asked. Having learned many of our members by now, I can safely say that our worshiping community is of the same mind—radically welcoming and accepting of any and all. Enter worship with your full selves when you show up. And though no one is completely immune from the tyranny of a Trumpalized world right now, we want you to know that you have a community that is for you and looking for ways to help you flourish.

Just a reminder that this coming Sunday we will be worshiping in the AC-ed Fireplace Room at 10:30 am—as we will be doing all Summer. If you're in town, I hope to see you then. If you're away, join us live on Facebook.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mike

Rev. Mike Eller (he/him/his)

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General Office Hours

Pastor's Office

Mon-Thurs: 10-3 pm

Sun: *Schedule with Mike*

Coming Up

**September Fall Retreat @ Camp
Johnsonburg REGISTER SOON!**



September 6-7

*****Register soon as we need to submit
our numbers early in August*****

[SIGN-UP FORM](#)

The retreat will begin Saturday around 9am and last until after lunch on Sunday.

For information about the camp and directions you can go to the Camp's website: www.campjburg.org.

General (Tentative) Saturday Schedule:

Morning—Large Group Activity, Small Group, Kids Activities

12 noon—Lunch

Afternoon—Free time, Lake Swim, Hiking, Labyrinth Walk

Evening—Dinner, Campfire, Storytelling, Songs, Night Time Games

General (Tentative) Sunday Schedule:

Morning—Breakfast, Discussion, Kids' Activity

10:30 am—Worship with Communion

12 noon—Lunch & Dismissal

Tiered Pricing

Prices listed below are per person (adults and children). *Please pay as much as you are able!* The first price has some cushion built in so others who have fewer financial resources can attend. The middle price is the true cost. The last price is the discounted cost. On the registration form, you'll indicate which price to pay.

Overnight—\$190 / \$160 / \$50 per person

Saturday Only—\$95 / \$85 / \$30 per person

Sunday Only, w/ lunch—\$20 per person

If cost is an issue please reach out to Pastor Mike, revmike@leoniapres.org or Rachel Stott, stott.rachel@gmail.com.

Family Promise Meal Thanks & Report



Many, many thanks to all of you who gave so generously of your time, money, talents (opening 8+ large cans of beans is hard work!) and good will to enable us to put together 160 meals (that's 320 hot dogs!) for Family Promise last Sunday. They served 136 meals that evening—including salad and brownies (courtesy of Eulalia and Bonnie), hot dogs, and baked beans. Whatever is left over is typically offered (and gladly accepted) as an "extra meal" the next day or two to those who walk up to the Center to pick up their meal. So food waste is kept to a minimum. Thanks again for everyone's enthusiastic participation!

Welcome Felicity Elizabeth Tynan-Lima!



Weighing in at a whole 7 pounds 12 ounces, **Felicity Elizabeth Tynan-Lima** arrived at 4:12 AM on Sunday, July 6, 2025. Big brother Jimmy is delighted! Congratulations to Sherron and Carlos!

More Announcements

No Sunday School Hour During Summer Months

During these Summer months, Sundays will only include the worship hour at 10:30 am.

Summer Hikes

Do you have a favorite trail that you like to hike? Or is there a trail you've always wanted to try but haven't? How about sharing that experience with others from church? We're looking for folks to organize hikes on the 1st Sunday of each month (weather permitting—and with the 2nd Sunday as a rain date). Ideas of nearby hikes are on the ark. Sign-up sheet is in the Fireplace Room or on the ark. If you have questions, contact Cory Lehnbeuter or Pastor Mike.

Beach Days

More details to come.

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to **Suzanne and John Junod** on the marriage of their daughter Christine to Bryan Williams on July 6.

Prayers for **David and Betsy Voreacos** on the sudden passing of David's sister Susie in Virginia on June 24. You can view her obituary [HERE](#).

Prayers for all those who lost loved ones in the recent **Texas flooding**. We pray for health and comfort in grieving and "Good Samaritans" which can help bring them to restoration and healing.