

# NOVEMBER 2022

## La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene



### Happy Thanksgiving So much to be grateful for

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events happening at the La Mirada Church and within our District.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter - please do so by presenting to Pastor Debbie before the third week of the prior month (before printing).

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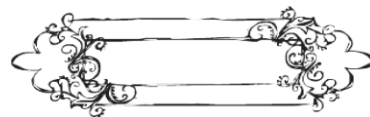
It is our hope to keep you informed of the many things happening at our facility. Each month we will do our best to update and highlight new events.



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#### Special events in our church's life:

- Drive by and see the progress on the new church building. It is changing every day.
- We were blessed to celebrate Pastor Javier's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at LM1.
- LM1 was a "GOLD SPONSOR" at the Love La Mirada event.
- On behalf of all the pastors-thank you for your appreciation shown last month.

**Love God,  
Love others,  
Empowered  
by the Holy  
Spirit.**



**"From His abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another." John 1:16.**

## NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries .....



If you do not see your name on this list and it should be, it is because the office does not have your information! Please keep us informed too. Fill out an information card and place in the offering or give to a pastor.

### BIRTHDAYS:

Troy Toyos – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rilla Moraga – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dora Duarte\* – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mark Lazari – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tristen Toyos – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Maria del Castillo\* – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Chris Moraga – 17<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Murray – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Angelica Gutierrez – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jan Murphy – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Solomon Huante – 28<sup>th</sup>



### ANNIVERSARIES:

Misael & Rocio Martinez\* – 28<sup>th</sup>

New NMI reading books will be made available to us "online" for free downloads. Visit <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-missions-books>. Past books are available upon request from Pastor Debbie. Our next District Convention and award presentations will be April 23, 2022 (Place to be announced later).



## WORLD EVANGELISM

Our Children's Ministry will be studying Missions education once a month. This year's study are studying in the Asia Pacific area. November's emphasis is on New Zealand. This month it will be on the third Sunday not the fourth due to Pastor Debbie away for Thanksgiving weekend with family.

Children are learning about missionaries around the Asian Pacific area. Experiencing the culture, the foods and hearing stories about the missionaries there.

## LM1 La Mirada First



Tithes and offerings may be given in person on Sundays OR by mailing them to the church address OR a cover fee will be applied if using the Tithe.ly app listed on our website.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

NMI Emphasis is WORLD EVANGELISM

Nov. 2 - Prayer & Praise on Facebook

Nov. 6 – Communion Sunday; Daylight Savings Time

Nov. 8 – Election Day

Nov. 8 – Church Leadership Board Meeting 8 pm

Nov. 9 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Nov. 10 - District Pastor's Meeting at Rancho Santa Margarita

Nov. 14-16 – District Pastor's Retreat

Nov. 16 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Nov. 20 – Children's Mission Lesson on New Zealand

Nov. 23 – No Facebook Bible Study; Teens at Pieology??

Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 27 – First Sunday of Advent; No Adult SS while Pastor Debbie is away on vacation Nov. 24-28

Nov. 30 – Bible Study with Pastor Arthur on Facebook

Be sure to refer to the Weekly Update sent out Saturday evenings for any *additions or changes*.

**Our teen department is growing. Thank you, Javvy for all your hard work and attention. It shows.**

**The Children's Department can always use more volunteers! Consider helping one Sunday a month! Thank you, Angelica for organizing some lessons and all your help. Have you noticed the growth in the number of kids??? It is essential to have parents sign their children out each week and make sure that their information is on file.**

Children's Ministry will once again be resuming since our transition to Redeemer Church. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Pastor Arthur with your availability and ideas. **REMEMBER children are to remain with the volunteers until signed out by their parent/guardian following the afternoon services.**



In compliance with CA Bill AB500, each child needs an info sheet filled out on file with their personal information now including all allergies and the names of persons responsible to sign them out each week.

## La Mirada First Church of the Nazarene

**During Construction we will  
be meeting at the  
Redeemer Church during  
construction**

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**Come to Me, all you who are weary  
and burdened, and I will give you  
rest. Take My yoke upon you and  
learn from Me, for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you will find  
rest for your souls.  
Matthew 11:28-29  
May GOD Bless you!**

## Weekly Schedule:

### Sunday

English Worship Service – 12:30 pm  
Currently at Redeemer Church &  
Online with Facebook

Hispanic Service – 2:15pm at the  
Redeemer Church

Adult SS Class (F.B.I.) – 6 pm on Zoom

### Wednesday

Bible Study & Prayer  
Online on Facebook 6:30 pm

Youth at Redeemer in the Mountain  
Room at 6:30 pm

### Saturday

Prayer Group –  
9:30 am on Free Conference Call – the  
phone contact information is listed on  
another page.

The Church has been using our  
"Breeze" account that is able to  
send out our mailings and  
messaging. It has automated our  
address system making it easier to  
communicate with the members of  
our church. [If at any time you wish  
to be removed from our list, please  
email us directly.](#)

## NMI READING BOOKS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT PASTOR DEBBIE OR  
CHARLOTTE IF ANY OF THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN READ.  
Books for the 2021/2022 year have been added to  
the website.

**Three new books for 2021 have been added to  
the website. Hardcopies have not been  
purchased but last years copies may still be  
read for credit. WE HAVE ONLY 6 MONTHS TO  
MEET OUR READING GOALS FOR PRIORITY ONE!**

The NMI website has been updated and can  
now be accessed at: [www.nazarene.org/nmi](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi)  
then click on "About" on the task bar to find  
the links to the Missionary Reading Books.  
Reading the books are **free of charge!** This  
gives our church extra credit toward our Priority  
One Goal in March.

## Please refer to the LM1 Weekly Update for up-to-date Information

We continue to adjust to new times  
and new meeting places. Please  
refer to the Weekly Update for any  
changes. We look forward to the  
day of returning to our "new"  
facilities and all that our Lord has for  
us in our future.....



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The Adult Sunday School has been meeting on ZOOM on Sunday evenings. Materials are available in the church office or for pick-up. Join us to connect with classmates, catch up with one another and LEARN from God's word. A weekly link is sent out with the weekly LM1 PUSH Update and remains the same week to week.

*Remember to keep our building program in your prayers...for the safety of the construction crew, for the speediness of their work and for the finances that are being used to build the Lord's house.*

THE SATURDAY  
MORNING  
PRAYER GROUP  
CONTINUES TO  
MEET VIA  
CONFERENCE  
CALLS EVERY  
SATURDAY  
MORNING AT  
9:30 am

If anyone would like to join the prayer time with your own request or to pray for one another, simply join us at:  
1-701-802-5468  
Access code is:  
109758#

This is a FREE service and **anyone is invited** to join us. Simply call the above number and enter our reserved access code. There is power in prayer. To God be the glory!

Progress now includes the beginnings of the balcony, the elevator, stairs, electrical junctions, roof framing, fully enclosed, and more added each day!





\*\*\*Contributions to be communicated in this Monthly Newsletter should be presented one week before the end of the month. Information for the Weekly Update should be in no later Friday noon please. All events should be cleared by the pastor on the church calendar ahead of time. Thank you.



**WE'VE MOVED!**

**We are proceeding with our Building Program!!!** We are now meeting at the Redeemer Church in La Mirada during construction. Our first service was on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Redeemer Church is located at 15151 Cordova Road in La Mirada. It is visible from Imperial Blvd. near Home Depot. just .7 miles from our current property. (The corner of Cordova and Imperial Blvd.) Join us for in person services.



## Building Program Progress ...



Check out some of the progress as of 10-30-22....



## SPECIAL REQUEST FROM BANK OF AMERICA

Our church bank is now enforcing a security policy that all checks should be made payable to: **La Mirada 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene (No abbreviations)**. It has become a security issue and assures proper accounts are credited. Thank you for MANY changes.

## LOVE LA MIRADA

October 15<sup>th</sup> was the date for showing our love to the city of La Mirada by signing up to help with projects around the city.



# UPDATE: COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR UKRAINIANS

## Your Generosity Helps to Support Ukrainians In a Time of War

The ongoing invasion of Ukraine by a neighboring world power that began February 24, 2022, has displaced millions of residents from their homes. The number of Ukrainians living as refugees in other countries has swelled into the millions. Meanwhile, the number of internally-displaced Ukrainians—those who have fled their homes but remain in the country—is just as high. Altogether, more than 14 million people have fled their homes in Ukraine. This war has caused the fastest forced population movement since World War II.

With your help, Nazarene missionaries, pastors, and volunteers are partnering with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to help displaced people travel to safe areas, secure shelter, and acquire food and supplies. All over the world, churches and districts are responding with compassion for the Ukrainian people. You are a part of that compassionate response.

### The Compassionate Ministry of Neighboring Countries:



In **Moldova**, Nazarene church leaders and members have transported hundreds of Ukrainians both fleeing and returning to Ukraine.



The Blessings Church of the Nazarene in Bucharest, **Romania**, has housed Ukrainians living as refugees since the start of the conflict in late February.



Churches in **Hungary** have collected and distributed clothes, medical supplies, groceries, and baby care items for hundreds displaced by the war.



In **Poland**, workers strategically positioned a distribution warehouse at the border for delivering food and Crisis Care Kits to people living in Ukraine.



Lydia, pictured above, is one of many senior adults being forced to make the difficult decision to stay home or leave.

### Nyura's Story

Nyura\* and her husband lived with their daughter and family in Chernihiv, Ukraine, when the war began. Early in the conflict, their city came under attack. Thankfully, the household of seven had sought shelter elsewhere the day their home was destroyed by rocket fire. With no house to return to, Nyura and her family crossed the border to Moldova. Many Ukrainian senior adults are being forced to make the difficult decision to stay home or leave; either choice holds challenges for securing basic needs.

Nyura's family found food and shelter through the Nazarene church in Chisinau, led by Sergey and Irina Talalay. Church members have been transporting, sheltering, and feeding Ukrainians since the beginning of the conflict. The Chisinau church has also provided hygiene items and medicine when possible. Sergey, also from Ukraine, tells about the positive impact the church has had on thousands of displaced Ukrainians. "I am very grateful to our local church," says Sergey. "Although it is small, it has a very big heart."

*\*Name is changed to protect privacy.*

Your support is helping meet the essential needs of Ukrainians living within the country and those seeking refuge in other countries. Thank you for the part you are playing.

Learn more about the Ukraine crisis response at [ncm.org/ukraine-crisis](https://ncm.org/ukraine-crisis)