

Save the Date and Sign Up

- **Twelve Conference
April 14–16 and 18**

If you are interested in community, small groups, or spiritual leadership, then this is the conference for you. An informational flyer is available at the Connection Point.

- **VBS registration: G-Force (God's Love in Action)
June 15–19**

This will be an amazing week of activities, inspiration and empowerment of our kids to put "God's Love in Action." Registration is available online at www.laumc.org/vbs-2015-registration/. Registration closes May 15 or when classes are full. If you have questions about VBS, contact Lisa Conway (lisaconway@laumc.org).

- **Camp Lodestar registration
Full Camp Experience: Monday–Sunday, June 22–28
Retreat Weekend: Thursday–Sunday, June 25–28**

Register now for our yearly intergenerational church camp, where we share community, scripture, relationships, nature, and fun. Activities include ropes courses, swimming, archery, hiking, and making crafts. Registration forms are available at the Connection Points and online at www.laumc.org/camp-lodestar-2015-registration/. Contact Patricia Parfett (patriciaparfett@laumc.org) for more information.

- **Compassion Week
October 5–11, 2015**

In October 2014, more than 1,100 volunteers served through 88 service projects to help people in our community and around the world. Serve with us during our next Compassion Week, scheduled for October 2015. Areas of service include poverty, homelessness, education, hunger, the environment, and many more. Info at www.laumc.org/compassionweek.



*Touching heaven, changing earth
with head, heart and hands*

**April 5, 2015
Scripture Lesson: John 11:17-26
and John 20:1-18**

We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. Ponder them yourself or share them with friends. Many small groups use these guides; if you would like to participate in a group, visit www.laumc.org/growinfaith and click on the "Find a Group" button.

Lenten Study: The God We Can Know **Week 7 – The Resurrection and the Life**

HEAD

1. What is the difference between "believe" and "trust"? Read John 11:25-26 using the word "believe," then read it again substituting the word "trust." How does the meaning change?
2. What role does God have in the circumstances of your life? When has God provided for you?
3. What do you consider attributable to God working in your life?
4. Discuss how "resuscitation" is different from "resurrection."

HEART

1. Discuss this quote from Rob Fuquay's book: "When we can accept the things we cannot change and remain open to God's power to do new things, we discover what resurrection is." How has that been a reality in your life?



2. How do you experience God's love for you?
3. When is your heart full of joy and thanksgiving?
4. What do you do when troubled with a life situation? Can you ask for help? From whom?
5. Are you able to trust God to show you the way and the possibilities in your life?

HANDS

1. Can you reach out in a new way this week, trying something different in your life?
2. Change one routine to see what happens. What was the experience like?
3. In what area of your life do you need to be more open to God's possibilities?
4. Consider a RESURRECTION celebration this week: dance, sing, have a party. Thank God for doing more than just resuscitating us.

NOTES AND THOUGHTS

Upcoming worship themes at Los Altos UMC:

April 12–26: Burning Hearts

We will explore the "Now What?" after Easter, focusing on three resurrection appearances of Jesus:

April 12 - *Emmaus Road, Luke 24:13-35*

Message by Pastor Dirk Damonte, with guest artist Jeremy Schulz at all four services. (We heard his music during Communion on Palm Sunday.)

April 19 - *On the Beach, John 21:1-17*

Message by guest preacher Rev. Greg Bergquist.

April 26 - *To the End of the Age, Matthew 28*

Message by Senior Pastor Mariellen Yoshino.

May 3–24: Planting the Promise: From Promise to Pentecost

May 3 - *Planting, Matthew 13:1-9*

May 10 - *Watering, 1 Corinthians 3:5-9*

May 17 - *God Growing, Mark 4:26-29*

May 24 - *Pentecost: The Harvest, Acts 2:1-21*