



SHARING THE LIGHT

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to grow together in Christ through Prayer, Worship, and Education and to spread the love of Christ to our community.

August 2023 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

As we continue through the long green season of Pentecost, we find so many challenges in the Bible of giving up in the kingdom of man in order to be rich in the Kingdom of God.

A man finds a treasure in a field, and goes and sells all his old possessions to buy the field that has the new treasure.

A merchant finds a pearl of great value, and sells his shop and all of his inventory to buy the one pearl.

The Bible challenges us that if we put our hands to the plow, not to look back as we cultivate new ground.

The world is challenging the basic Christian concepts, such as two genders, the role of the family with their children, and many other challenges to the Church.

This season of growth for the Christian, we pray for the Church for boldness, courage, faith, and above all ... love.



Love,
Pastor Scott



August 2023

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: August 6 Hazel Bencoter
August 13 Pat Caballero
August 20 Sharon Corey
August 27 Norma Boehne

Readers: August 6 and August 20 Richard Swanson
August 13 and August 27 Christine Geltz

Gatherings:

First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich, August 2, Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, August 11, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Mission Development Team's Spaghetti Dinner, August 19, Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, August 19, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, August 20, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, August 6, 8:30 a.m.
August 13, 8:30 a.m.
August 20, 8:30 a.m.
August 27, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Times, Every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Not receiving email special announcements and/or prayer requests??

Electronic Newsletter: If you are currently not receiving emails and would like to be included, please share your email address with Church Administrator (Elizabeth Yu) at admin@firstlutherantc.org, or call:(626) 287-0968 and leave a message if you prefer to have a hard copy mailed out to you.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Scott Ganas at: (951) 795-8162 or
Board of Directors Chairman, Judy Gunther at: (626) 833-5613.



Friends in Deed

In June, 657 pounds of food was delivered to the Friends in Deed Food Pantry. First Lutheran has some very generous bargain hunters! You can join them by putting a few extra items in your shopping cart. The Pantry provides food assistance to 535 low-income and no-income households. These households total approximately 1,200 people. Much of the food distributed comes from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Trader Joe's, Ralphs, Grocery

Outlet and others. Churches, synagogues, groups, and individuals also bring donations.

Mission Development Team

This team is busy planning a spaghetti dinner for Saturday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m. Let us know if you have contact information for former members or school families. We will send them a special invitation.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Fundraising

Saturday

August 19

5-7 PM

Ages 12+ - \$10

Ages under 12 - \$6

Menu:

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Lettuce salad

Garlic bread

Dessert

Drinks: Coffee or Lemonade

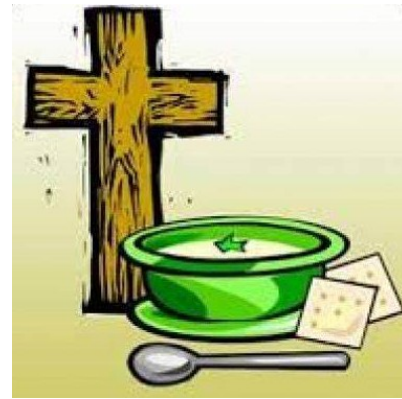
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Our recent Ice Cream Social was originally planned for the breezeway between the office entrance and the classrooms. However, we found that the space between the parish hall and the church is wonderfully cool and breezy in the evening. How long has it been since you have seen teenagers devouring serving after serving of ice cream? It was an awesome spectacle as students from Foothill Preparatory High School enjoyed the opportunity to have unlimited servings and a choice of several toppings.



First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich

Everyone is aging! You can learn more about this process from a Christian perspective. Pastor Kenneth Frese will be our guest as he presents interesting stories and facts about aging. A sandwich and salad lunch will be provided. We shall cool off with root beer floats. Join us August 2nd, 2023 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Room.

At the July gathering we enjoyed sharing memories of past July 4's, singing patriotic songs, and writing encouragement letters to deployed military personnel.



Little Free Library

Several friends have donated several bags of books and many of which are mysteries. If you are a lover of a good mystery, check our Little Free Library. Currently, in the box is a historical novel about the World War II German occupation of the Channel Islands near England. If you have books to donate, you can give them to Jo Tschopp.

Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana.

For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.





Community Prayer Box

Our most recent prayer request from the prayer box at the corner of Broadway and Noel was from a woman who is grieving the loss of her 26-year-old son, Cody. Please continue to pray for comfort and peace for this family. Pray that God would redeem this situation and that much good would come from it.

Psalm 22:24

²⁴ For He has not turned away from the suffering of the one in pain or trouble. He has not hidden His face from him. But He has heard his cry for help.



Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (LSSSC)

This organization shall hold its 2nd annual fundraising Gala and Auction on Saturday – October 7th, 2023 at the historic and enchanting Mission Inn in Riverside. Enjoy a gourmet meal. Be inspired by their speakers and success stories. Bid on the perfect Christmas gift or adventure. Attend in person or online. Register at: www.LSSSC.org. Or if you would like to volunteer, call Paul Fournier at: (714) 621-5845.

Birthday this month



Patricia Grabowski August 3

Donald Lammerts August 15

Wedding Anniversary this month



Pastor Scott and Monica
August 23

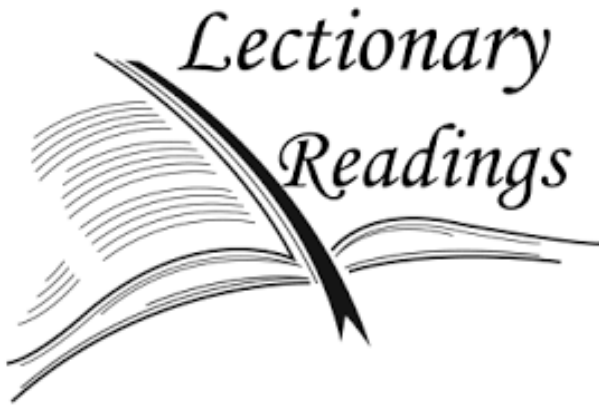


Blessing
of the Backpacks



Sunday School Mission Project

For multiple years, the Sunday School students have been using their offering gifts to purchase school supplies for Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry. Congregation members have also given generously to this cause. In August, the students will fill 36 backpacks with the supplies and Pastor Ramon Contreras will pick them up to deliver to Lutheran churches in Mexico.



Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for August as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel during the summer:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
August 6	Isaiah 55:1–5	Psalms 136	Romans 9:1–13	Matthew 14:13–21
August 13	Job 38:4–18	Psalms 18:1–16	Romans 10:5–17	Matthew 14:22–33
August 20	Isaiah 56:1, 6–8	Psalms 67	Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32	Matthew 15:21–28
August 27	Isaiah 51:1–6	Psalms 138	Romans 11:33–12:8	Matthew 16:13–20



News from Lutheran High School in La Verne, CA – Farewell

Dear All,

Undoubtedly, you have heard that the Faith Lutheran High School Association voted this past June to close Lutheran High School in La Verne, CA. Although deeply saddened by this news, there is reason to celebrate the 50 years of ministry and education provided to many students. Please join us in this celebration on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

3:00 p.m. – Closing Worship Service

4:00 p.m. – ROTC Recognition and School Acknowledgements

4:30 p.m. – Light Reception, Special Tributes, and Fellowship

Please share this information with fellow Trojans, friends, and graduates!

Please see the below flyer (also attached).

Your RSVP is needed to ensure appropriate food and space for the event.

Please RSVP by August 8, 2023 (Tuesday).

To RSVP:

Use this link: [RSVP FOR LHSLV CELEBRATION AUGUST 13, 2023](#)

OR

Email at: RSVP@LHSLV.ORG

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at

Thank you,
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Join Lutheran High School La Verne
in celebrating 50 years of ministry &
education to the San Gabriel Valley.



Please let us know you
are coming so that we
can plan for food and
seating. Use the QR
code above
or email at
rsvp@lhslv.org



**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
CLOSING SERVICE &
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, 8/13 @ 3P.M.**

Event Schedule

Closing Worship
Service

ROTC
Recognition

Recognition of
Association and
Distinguished
Guests

Reception &
Fellowship

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Rev. Scott Ganas, Pastor

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Holy Communion every 1st & 3rd Sundays only
9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY
Every Sunday