



## 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.*

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### God's Future Plans for us

My granddaughter Lizzy and I share a love of butterflies. We will stop a game of hide and seek if a butterfly visits the garden. I remember the first time I saw a cocoon. What a weird sight! A brown fuzzy sac that was attached to a fence. I asked my mom, what is that brown fuzzy little bag? What she said next, I thought that she was joking or telling me this incredible fairy tale. The caterpillar is making its own dressing room to turn into a butterfly! Only after checking with the encyclopedia at school, I begin to believe this far-fetched story.



What a joy to think we are caterpillars awaiting our glorious transformation in heaven! Oh, the hope of glory!

### 1 Corinthians 15:42–44 (English Standard Version – ESV)

**<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.**

May God bless you with a butterfly sighting this week, and remind you what beautiful loving plans He has for you!

Love,  
Pastor Scott



# *August 2021*

## **Gatherings:**

Mission Development Team, Monday, August 2, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

Mission Development Team Neighborhood Distribution, Sunday, August 8, 11:00 a.m.

Family Movie Night, Saturday, August 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service, August 1, 8:30 a.m.

August 8, 8:30 a.m.

August 15, 8:30 a.m.

August 22, 8:30 a.m.

August 29, 8:30 a.m.

Major Leaguers is cancelled until further notice.

Tuesday Bible Class, every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. in the Fellowship Room

Saturday Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This group is, currently, meeting via the telephone. Let Jo Tschopp know if you want to participate.



## **August Birthdays**

<i>Patricia Grabowski</i>	<i>August 3</i>
<i>Marjorie Markham</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Don Lammerts</i>	<i>August 15</i>

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

If you are currently not receiving emails and would like to be included, please share your email address with Church Administrator at [admin@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org), or call: (626) 287-0968 and leave a message.

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

**Electronic Newsletter:** Let the Church Administrator know your email address if you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter via email at: [admin@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org).

# Burn the Mortgage!

The goal of getting the church mortgage below \$100,000 by January is getting closer. Currently, the balance of the loan is \$133,075. Thanks to the friends and members of the congregation who are contributing to this effort. If you would like to contribute, you can write a check or indicate on your offering envelope your designated gift towards the mortgage reduction. God has blessed the congregation with this beautiful property. If we pay off the mortgage, we will be better equipped financially to care for the property, and to use it for neighborhood outreach.



## Friends in Deed

First Lutheran continues to support Friends in Deed Food Pantry in Pasadena with the monthly donations of food. In June, we contributed 836 pounds. By donating food items, we help the economically vulnerable concentrate their finances on rent, utilities and other basic expenses. This helps the needy to remain housed. One of the goals at Friends in Deed is to prevent homelessness by providing food, sometimes financial assistance, and other resources. It is a simple act of compassion and charity to add a few extra food items to your grocery cart and bring them to the church

collection area.

## Worship At Home Opportunities

If you are not able to attend our weekly Sunday worship you can listen via radio to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740. Also available for the Temple City area is KKLA 99.5 FM at 1:30 p.m. each Sunday.



Another opportunity is to watch and participate with Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday using Direct TV, Channel 377. If you have a computer, you can view the program at any time by going to the Worship Anew website. This program is filmed at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne and includes choirs and a short liturgy with confession and absolution.

## **Mission Development Team**

Wow! There were many families with bicycles at the recent Ice Cream Social. We never know how many to expect at our monthly events. So, we were surprised to welcome at least 50 people.



The Boy Scouts developed an obstacle course for riders; and the Temple City Bike Shop was on site to help community members with the bike information. Gigantic bubbles were made using special wands and a bubble formula that was mixed to create huge bubbles, many larger than the children. Of course, the ice cream with a selection of toppings was welcomed and devoured.

Also, we enjoyed the birthday party for Vicki Trepanier planned and prepared by her family. It was a celebratory day with lots of people and action.

Our next neighborhood/community event is a movie night on Saturday, August 14, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. “Finding Dory” is a story of family love and commitment.

Please join us as we meet on the first Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Our next meeting is August 2. Call Jo Tschopp for further information at: (626) 355-9433



## **Saturday Prayer Group**

You can join this group by contacting Jo Tschopp at: (626) 355-9433. Currently we are meeting via the phone each Saturday morning 9:00-10:00 a.m. We are praying for our congregation, SONshine House, our members, our neighborhood, our nation, and our world. How can we pray for you?

## **Psalm 50:15**

*‘and call upon me in the day of trouble;*

*I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.’”*



## Tuesday Bible Study

This group is continuing their study in Matthew as the disciples try to understand the miracles, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and Jesus telling them he is going to Jerusalem to be handed over to the authorities to suffer and die. The concepts are deep but studying them together enlightens and strengthens our faith life. You can join us

each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Contact Oscar Tschopp for further information at: (626) 355-9433.

## Little Free Library

Recently someone left some wonderful, almost new, children's books in our Little Free Library. It is interesting to watch a person stop at the library, browse the collection, and then move on. What is really fun to watch is seeing someone select a book and stand there in the shade and read its sections. If you have some books to share, you can give them to Jo Tschopp or leave them in the Little Free Library.



## Community Prayer Box

Recently, we received in our community prayer box a request for a prayer of praise that two sisters had reconciled and come together in forgiveness. We pray that they would continue in fellowship and love. In another request, a person asked for help. We pray that he/she would learn to understand and trust God and be open to seeing the help God provides. Sometimes, we don't know how or what to pray for and so we rely on:

## Romans 8:26-27 (ESV)

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

## **Sunday School Supply Backpack Project:**

Our children's Sunday class will be using their offering money to purchase school supplies for children being ministered to by Lutheran Border Concerns ministry. Congregation members can help by giving monetary gifts to purchase the needed supplies or you can have fun shopping for the requested supplies listed below. There will be a box in the narthex for your gifts.

**70 sheet spiral notebooks** of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8x10  
**-30-centimeter rulers**, or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other.

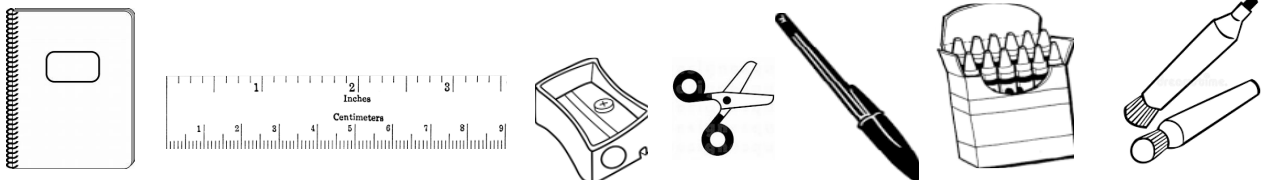
**blunt scissors**

**pencil sharpeners** which capture the shavings

**black or blue ballpoint pens**

**boxes of 16 or 24 crayons**

**boxes of colored markers**



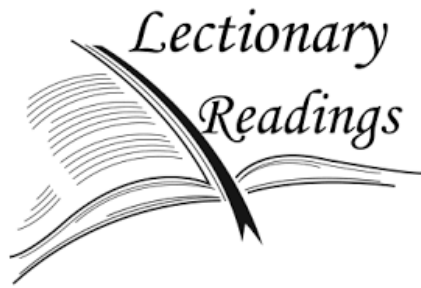
You can learn more about this ministry at: <http://lutheranborderconcernsministry.org>



**The Lutheran Hour** was first broadcast in October 2, 1930 and continues on the air today, making it the world's oldest continually broadcast Christ-centered radio program. To listen: go to LHM podcasts: <https://www.lhm.org/podcasts/> 24/7, go to: <https://www.lhm.org/> in our LLL district

- 8:00 a.m. Costa Mesa KBRT 740 AM;
- 1:30 p.m. Glendale KKLA 99.5 FM; and
- 7:00 a.m. Sirius – XM Family Talk131.





Here are the lectionaries for August as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament (Epistle), and the Gospel:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
August 1	Exodus 16:2–15	Psalm 145:10–21		
			Ephesians 4:1–16	John 6:22–35
August 8	1 Kings 19:1–8	Psalm 34:1–8	Ephesians 4:17–5:2	John 6:35–51
August 15	Proverbs 9:1–10	Psalm 34:12–22	Ephesians 5:6–21	John 6:51–69
August 22	Isaiah 29:11–19	Psalm 14	Ephesians 5:22–33	Mark 7:1–13
August 29	Deut. 4:1–2, 6–9	Psalm 119:129–136		
			Ephesians 6:10–20	Mark 7:14–23

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8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only

9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday