



## 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.*

**February 2022 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Dear Church family:

Jesus, alone, saves us and calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 19:19; Mark 12:31; Mark 12:33; Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8)

As ambassadors of Jesus' love, here is the list to bless our neighbors as we come across people in need.



- **GROCERIES OR MEALS**, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.211ca.org](http://www.211ca.org) to connect to local food assistance and more.
- **MEDICINE OR MEDICAL ATTENTION**, call your health plan or doctor's office to help. In an emergency, call 911.
- **INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICARE**, call 1 (800) 434-0222 for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** – You are not alone. Call Friendship Line CA at 1 (800) 670-1360 for someone to listen 24/7.
- **PROTECTION FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT:**
  - Call 1 (800) 231-40424, if you are living in a long-term care facility, to reach the Long Term Care Ombudsman CRISIS line.
  - Call 1 (833) 401-0832, if you are living at home, to talk to Adult Protective Services.
- **PROTECTION FROM FRAUD**, call 1 (877) 908-3360, for AARP's Fraud Watch Network Helpline.
- **SUPPORT WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR OTHER DEMENTIAS**, call 1 (800) 272-3900, for the Alzheimer's Association® 24/7 Helpline.
- **GENERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION**, call the COVOID Information Line at 1 (833) 422-4255 or visit [www.covid19.ca.gov](http://www.covid19.ca.gov).

God richly bless your life and ministry!

Love,  
Pastor Scott



# February 2022



**Ushers** Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts  
**Greeters:** February 6 Hazel Benscoter  
 February 13 Pat Caballero  
 February 20 Connie Kean  
 February 27 Norma Boehne

## **Gatherings:**

Load the Van for Friends In Deed, Friday, February 4, 8:30 a.m.  
Mission Development Team, Monday, February 7, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room  
Board of Directors' Meeting, Sunday, February 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Mission Development Mardi Gras celebration, Saturday, February 26, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship Times, February 6, 8:30 a.m.  
 February 13, 8:30 a.m.  
 February 20, 8:30 a.m.  
 February 27, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Times, Every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Major Leaguers is cancelled until further notice.  
Tuesday Bible Class, every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room  
Saturday Prayer Group, from 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.

## **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.

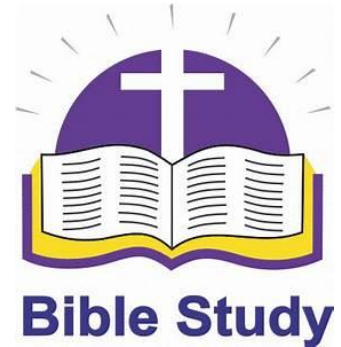
**Electronic Newsletter:** Let the Church Administrator know your email address if you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter via email at: [admin@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org).

# Burn the Mortgage!

We rejoice that members and friends of the congregation continue to contribute to the Burn the Mortgage effort. The balance left on the loan is, now, **\$73,078**. With God anything is possible, perhaps even a celebration as we say good-bye to the monthly mortgage bill of \$5023. We are getting closer and closer!

## Tuesday Bible Study

In the beginning God created... Join us as we learn about the beginning of the world in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. We will discover the orderliness and majesty of God's creation, the first sin, the first murder, and the wickedness of mankind and God's reaction to sin. The book of Genesis is a great help to a better understanding of the necessity of the birth of Jesus and his sacrificial death. For further information contact Oscar Tschopp at: (626) 256-8333.



## Community Prayer Box

During January, we have received three requests for prayers from our prayer box located on the corner of Broadway and Noel. Nancy has been sick for six months with a condition that the doctors don't understand. There was a request from Lorraine for her family, her neighbors, and the homeless. Marie left her request saying she has been homeless for more than two years. These requests were sent to our prayer chain and the Saturday Prayer Group. Please join us as we support our community and their needs.

*Psalm 22:24 "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."*



## February Birthdays

<i>Tom Grabowski</i>	<i>February 12</i>
<i>Pastor Scott Ganas</i>	<i>February 22</i>
<i>Connie Kean</i>	<i>February 27</i>

## **Friends in Deed**

Members and friends of First Lutheran contributed 742 pounds of food items for the Friends in Deed Food Pantry in Pasadena. Our church began supporting this ministry in January of 2017 with a contribution of 78 pounds. Before the Covid pandemic, members of the congregation would volunteer their time one Saturday morning monthly. The needs are great and it is very easy to add a few items to our shopping carts to donate. Especially appreciated are protein items such as chili, canned meats, peanut butter and anything else you like to eat.



## **Mission Development Team**

The team worked together to plan the recent Chinese New Year celebration. Special praise and thanks go to Lily Liu, owner and director of Foothill Preparatory School on our campus, the Chu family, and Marta Lovasz. They were very involved with the preparation of the delicious Chinese meal of dumplings and noodles. The piano concert was an exceptional treat.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 26 for a Mardi Gras celebration and the beginning of Lent.

Join us for our next meeting Monday, February 7, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

## **Saturday Prayer Group**

This small group is continually encouraged and steadfast in their commitment to seek God through a regular time of prayer, praise, and faith building. Sometimes we meet via the phone, and sometimes in person. Contact Jo Tschopp for further information at: (626) 256-8333.



## **Little Free Library**



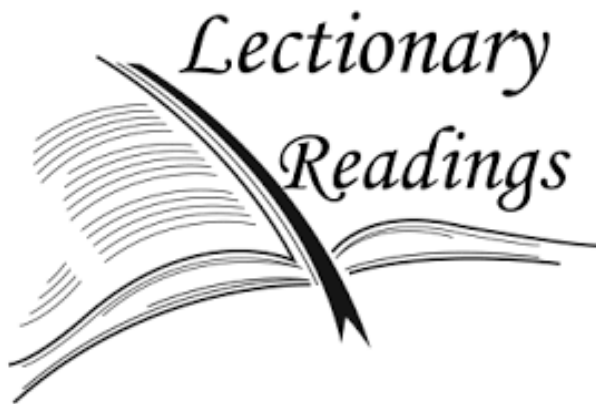
Neighbors continue to use our little free library. Have you seen the new Little Library on Duffy directly behind the schoolyard? Temple City has a number of the libraries, our charter number is 80166 and you can find us on the Little Free Library map of the world. Currently we need some good children's books and adult fiction seems to be taken more than non-fiction. You can place any donations inside the Little Library or 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.



## Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for February as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and the Gospel during this Valentine month, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
February 6	Isaiah 6:1–13	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 14:12–20	Luke 5:1–11
February 13	Jeremiah 17:5–8	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:1–20	Luke 6:17–26
February 20	Genesis 45:3–15	Psalm 103:1–13	1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42	Luke 6:27–38
February 27	Deuteronomy 34:1–12	Psalm 99	Hebrews 3:1–6	Luke 9:28–36

January 24, 2022

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous and faithful support of Lutheran Bible Translators. I appreciate your interest in the Ipili translation project.



It's been 40 years since I became a missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators, so I thought it would be good to include a picture from near the

beginning of my translation work. From 1983 to 1994, I served right here in the United States with Christians at Taos Pueblo in the state of New Mexico. Corrie Kontak (now Corrie Scott) served with me to help the Taos Christians translate part of the New Testament into their language. In this picture Corrie and I are talking to our dear friend Daisy Romero.

I recently heard from Ipili translator – Mandita Kunum, and he told me that since November he and some other people have been visiting congregations to read Scriptures with the people there. I was so happy to hear that they are sharing God's Word with the people! ***Pray that that work will continue to go forward.***

I am, currently, going through the Ipili translation of Genesis to make sure the meaning is correct and also to update the file which gives the English meaning of the translation. I hope to finish this check of Genesis by the end of March so that during April, Mandita and I can go through any questions that come up. ***Pray that Mandita will be able to travel to the translation center in Ukarumpa at that time so we can work together via the internet.***

I am hoping that Mandita will be able to bring a couple of other church leaders with him to Ukarumpa so they can all meet with Scripture Use advisors to discuss ideas for how to encourage people to use the translated Scriptures.

*Janet Borchard*

Lutheran Bible Translators

*Millions of people don't have the Bible in a language they understand. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with individuals, organizations, and language communities to put God's Word in their hands.*

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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