



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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Valentine, Martyr

Valentine was a physician and a priest. He was living in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius in the third century A.D.

Valentine's death for his christian faith was in the year A.D. 270. Tradition suggests that on the day of his execution, he left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer, written on an irregular shaped piece of paper.



This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that are now the highlight of Valentine's Day in many nations.

(The above is an excerpt from Treasury of Daily Prayer)

God is love and wants us all to love others, Jesus works through us in many ways that we cannot see. May God Bless us to love others with the love He has given us!

Happy Valentine's Day!



Love,
Pastor Scott



February 2023



Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

<u>Greeters:</u>	February 5	Hazel Benscoter
	February 12	Pat Caballero
	February 19	Connie Kean
	February 26	Norma Boehne

<u>Readers:</u>	February 5 & February 19	Richard Swanson
	February 12 & February 26	Christine Getz

Gatherings:

Mission Development Team's Mardi Gras, February 18, Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Midday Service, February 22, Wednesday with lunch at 12:00 p.m. and service at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

Board of Directors' Meeting, February 26, Sunday from 11:00 a.m.

Monthly Soup & Sandwich, March 1, Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Room

<u>Sunday Worship Times,</u>	February 5, 8:30 a.m.
	February 12, 8:30 a.m.
	February 19, 8:30 a.m.
	February 26, 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??

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, or call: (626) 287-0968 and leave a message.

<u>Pastoral Care:</u>	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.

Burn the Mortgage!

The final payment has been made! We didn't burn it with fire, we tenaciously worked to erase the debt. We praise God that the original loan signed in 2005 has now been paid. In 2018, the Board of Directors decided to focus on the debt retirement by encouraging members to give beyond their regular offerings and the treasurer to direct any additional income, not included in the budget, to the effort. A big thanks to all involved.

Romans 13:8. *“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”*

Friends in Deed



Since 2017, some very generous shoppers have been contributing food items for our monthly deliveries to the Friends in Deed Food Pantry. The cost of groceries has risen dramatically, but our shoppers have not let up and have been giving generously. For cold weather meals, soups, chilis, baked beans, rice, pasta are all welcomed by the Pantry and distributed to financially challenged families. Also needed are boxes of cereal, bread, canned meat, and fruit. You can bring your donations to church.

The Saturday volunteers work every fourth week. You can talk to Dave Lassanske if you would like to volunteer.



Mission Development Team

First Wednesday Soup & Sandwich – Scheduled for March 1. A retired social worker, who has a vast knowledge of Hospice Care, will be making a presentation

“What You Need to Know about Hospice before You Need Hospice.”

There will be a few questions that she is prepared to answer, such as how to choose the most appropriate hospice; how long can you receive hospice care; what is the difference between for-profit and non-profit; and are there extra services above what is required that are offered by certain hospice care providers, etc.

Mardi Gras is a celebration held the day before Ash Wednesday. The tradition developed as Christians readied themselves for the somber time of Lent. They would enjoy one last extravagant meal and party before experiencing the sadness and suffering of Jesus while awaiting the joy of Easter. We will be celebrating on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday on **February 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**





Little Free Library

The children's books have been circulating and need some new selections. If you have some to donate, you can give them to Jo Tschopp, or put them in the Little Library.

Community Prayer Box

Please pray for our nation as incidents of violence and shootings have increased. Pray especially for our neighbors in Monterey Park as they mourn and seek comfort and relief from anxiety and fear. Pray that God would use these times to draw people closer to Jesus.



Romans 12:9–10 ⁹ *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good.*
¹⁰ *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*”

New Missionary News

For many years, our congregation has supported the Borchard Ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT). Janet Borchard has officially retired from LBT, and no longer needs our support. At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, they voted to support Anna Rosteck as our missionary starting in January 2023. (Anna is the niece of Pat Grabowski and Connie Kean), Anna will receive 1% of our monthly tithe. Our District Office receives 7% and Lutheran High La Verne receives 2%. The tithe is the result of moneys received through Faith giving and rental income. Please see Anna's bio below.

Hello! My name is Anna Rosteck and I am a missionary serving with the Assemblies of God World Missions in Burundi, Africa. I was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana. I am an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God and have a master's degree in clinical social work which has allowed me to work as a mental health therapist for the past 17 years. I first started serving in Tanzania, Africa in 2019 and moved to Burundi in 2021. In Burundi, I've been given the opportunity to serve the people by providing trauma healing, teaching pastoral counseling, and teaching at the Bible school and church planting school. Burundi is ranked as the poorest country in the world and has a significant history of genocide, civil war, and political unrest. The people are incredible and resilient. It is such a beautiful country and the people are anxious to learn about God and grow in their faith. Thank you for trusting me to serve the people of Burundi and partnering with me in this mission.



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.

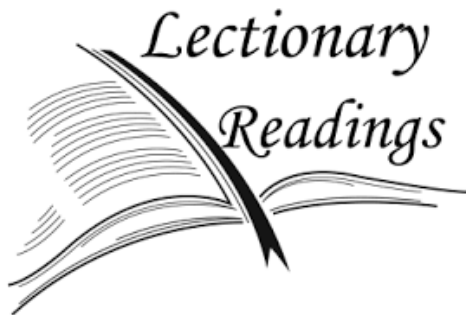
If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS MONTH



Tom Grabowski
Pastor Scott
Connie Kean

February 12
February 22
February 27



Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for February as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel. We will be celebrating the Transfiguration of our Lord, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Lent season:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
February 5	Isaiah 58:3–9a	Psalm 112:1–9	1 Corinthians 2:1–16	Matthew 5:13–20
February 12	Deuteronomy 30:15–20	Psalm 119:1–8	1 Corinthians 3:1–9	Matthew 5:21–37
February 19	Exodus 24:8–18 (The Transfiguration of our Lord)	Psalm 2:6–12	2 Peter 1:16–21	Matthew 17:1–9
February 22	Joel 2:12–19	Psalm 51:1–19	2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10	Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21
(Ash Wednesday)				
February 26	Genesis 3:1–21	Psalm 32:1–7	Romans 5:12–19	Matthew 4:1–11

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8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion every 1st & 3rd Sundays only

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

Every Sunday