



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.

July 2023 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The long green season of Pentecost

We are moving into the second half of the church year.

The first part involves Jesus giving everything to save us by His Grace alone.

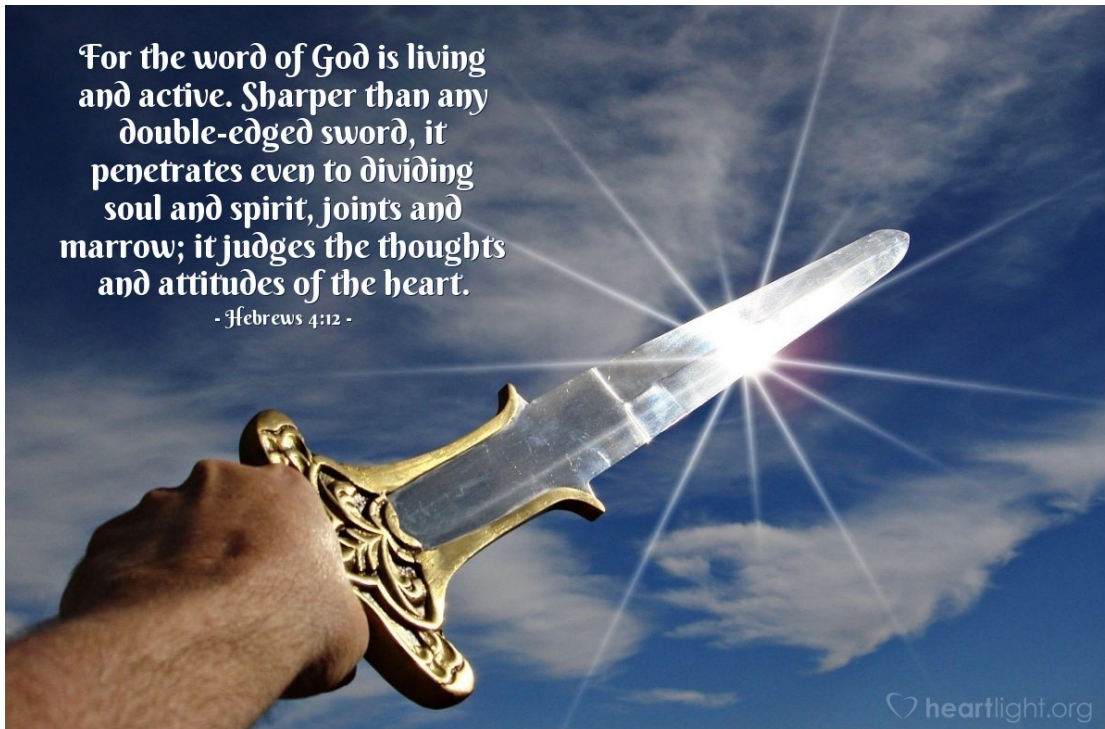
The second part of the church year is what are we doing with this new eternal life that Jesus alone has given us.

We are called to love God and we can challenge ourselves with how much do we let His Word – the Bible – cut into us?

Hebrews 4:12 (English Standard Version – ESV)

¹² For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

God bless you with the courage to allow His Word to strike deep into your mind and heart.



Love,
Pastor Scott

July

July 2023

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: July 2 Hazel Bencoter
July 9 Pat Caballero
July 16 Connie Kean
July 23 Norma Boehne
July 30 Sharon Corey

Readers: July 2 & July 16 Richard Swanson
July 9 & July 23 Christine Geltz
July 30 Jo Tschopp



Gatherings:

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, July 7, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Monthly Soup and Sandwich, July 5, Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Mission Development Team's Ice Cream Social, July 15, Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, July 16, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, July 22, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Mission Development Meeting, July 26, Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, July 2, 8:30 a.m.
July 9, 8:30 a.m.
July 16, 8:30 a.m.
July 23, 8:30 a.m.
July 30, 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 to be mailed 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

The next delivery of food items for the Friends in Deed Food Pantry will be on Friday, July 7 at 8:30 a.m. You still have time to add some grocery items to your shopping cart. The collection box is in the Narthex. The Food Pantry is only one part of the Friends in Deed organization that is meeting the needs of economically challenged individuals and families. Street Outreach, Eviction Prevention & Assistance, Bad Weather Supplies, and the

Women's Room are other programs which reach out into the community besides the Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (LSSSC). Last month, friends and church members donated 539 pounds of food.

Mission Development Team

This team of mission-minded people are looking forward in celebrating Summer with a community Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. We have activities planned for all ages. Come, relax, enjoy ice cream, and mingle with friends and neighbors while cooling down in the heat. Join us at our next meeting to plan for future events and other outreach endeavors.

You're invited
Saturday July 15th, 6 P.M.
 LET'S CELEBRATE
National ICE CREAM DAY

BUBBLES, ICE CREAM BINGO, CRAFTS,
 AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE KIDS TOO!

First Lutheran Church
 9123 Broadway, Temple City
 contact : jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day.

In 2023, National Ice Cream Day will be Sunday, July 16

Join us for these fun events!

- Spaghetti dinner: August 19, 5-7 PM
- Taco Truck: September 17, 5-7 PM
- Trunk and Treat: October 31

Ongoing Services on Our Campus

- Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
- Bible Class 9:45
- Sunday School for all ages 9:45 -10:45.
- Community Prayer Box
- Little Free Library
- First Wednesday Noon, Soup & Sandwich
 - July 5 Patriotic Theme
 - August 2 Pastor Frese presents "Christian View of Aging"



Foothill Preparatory School :

A WASC accredited high school with courses from AP to ESL in most subjects. For more information and applications, go to the school website, www.fpsch.org or contact the school at lliu@fpsch.org or admissions@fpsch.org

Words from the Bible:

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

-1 Corinthians 10:31

<https://firstlutherantc.org>



First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich

Plan now and attend the next Soup and Sandwich gathering on July 5th, 2023 at 12:00 noon. We will be celebrating the 247th Independence Day of our nation. No fireworks, but there will be fun activities planned. In August, we will be hosting Pastor Kenneth Frese who shall be presenting “Christian View of Aging.”



Little Free Library

From our Little Free Library book “Why Do We Say it?” comes this question: “*Why is a fuss-budget called a ‘stickler’ for details?*” Because the Middle English word from which it is derived *stightlen*, means “to set in order”. Originally, “sticklers” were judges at duels who saw to it that the rules of fair play were closely observed. Another example from another fun book: “*How did a gullible person come to be called a ‘sucker’?*” A rather stupid fish

is called a “sucker” because it “sucks up” its food. It will complacently suck in live food, garbage, or a worm dangled in front of a hook. A person who, like the fish, complacently swallows the bait is also called a “sucker”.

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

We continue to monitor our Community Prayer Box, which is on the corner of Broadway and Noel. Recently, prayers were requested for Diana, Ariana, Jesus, Eddy, Jossy, and Victor. Please pray for spiritual, emotional, and physical health for each of them. Pray that they would find a home church and honor God.

Nahum 1:7

⁷ *The LORD is good, a safe place in times of trouble. And He knows those who come to Him to be safe.*



New Organization for First Lutheran's tithes

It was voted during one of the Board of Directors' meetings to shift part of the tithes to the Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (<https://www.lsssc.org>) since the Lutheran High School in La Verne, CA has shut down. The following is a mission statement found on the website of Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (LSSSC) about their cause.

“Lutheran Social Services of Southern California (LSSC) began in December 1944 which a group of Lutheran congregations in San Diego came together to discuss how to better assist families in need. They began discussing how to form a Welfare Commission. Their vision expanded when they came together with another group of Lutheran congregation Los Angeles having the very same conversation. Lutheran Social Services of was officially incorporated in 1946 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit social service agency. The mission has stayed true to its earliest beginnings, to be a servant to those in need. Today LSSSC serves thousands of individuals and families throughout Southern California with over 70 different programs/services at nearly 20 different locations. We are part of the Lutheran Services in America (LSA) network and strive to serve those in need with dignity and respect.”

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California

Address: 999 Town and Country Road, Suite 100, Orange CA 92868

Telephone: (714) 685-1800



We Embrace

... those in crisis, with short-term, emergency services.



We Equip...

... individuals and families, with program resources to help them on their journey.



We Empower...

... people to break the cycle of poverty, live with dignity and become self-sufficient.

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California serves people in need throughout Southern California with programs and services in multiple locations, such as: counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange (where their corporate offices are located), Riverside, San Bernardino, and in San Diego. LSSSC is planning future services in the counties of Imperial, Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara.”

In the Los Angeles County San Gabriel Valley area, the LSSSC's Avanti program in Pasadena serves developmentally challenged adults. LSSSC's disabled adult clients engage the community through social and volunteer opportunities. LSSSC offers a range of services including recreational, educational, and one-on-one interaction with youth, seniors, and other neighborhood residents.

LSSC's Long Beach/South Bay center services more than 1,000 people each month providing emergency assistance such as food, clothing, hygiene items, and blankets. After client intake, LSSC refers many to additional resources throughout the community. LSSC also offers disability and housing assistance to homeless families, individuals, and veterans throughout their County Wide Benefits Program (CBEST).

There are many other programs and information listed on their website. Their next fundraising event – "Color of Hope Gala & Awards" shall be held on October 7, 2023 (Saturday) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Look for more details to follow on their website.

Updates from Ana Rostek

During the Voters' meeting on June 25th, 2023 (Sunday), the latest information about her mission outreach was shared, as follows ...

Anna is, still, providing counseling for missionaries throughout Africa, and some who had returned to the US for their furlough. She is finishing her fourth round of chemo this week. It should take three days in total. The doctor thinks that she is halfway done with her chemo treatment. Anna's missionary leaders in Africa will be in Montana this weekend for them to go over the plans for the next stage of teaching in Burundi, and to train any additional team members. You may send her any Get-Well greeting cards at:

709 42nd Street North, Great Falls MT (Montana) 59405.

Birthday this month



Vicki Trepanier

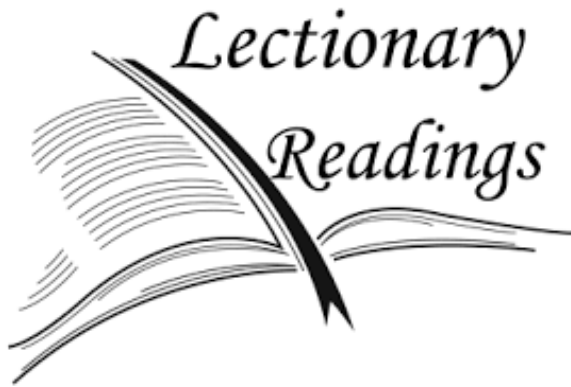
July 15

Wedding Anniversary this month



Richard & Susan Swanson

July 3



Reading the Lectionaries

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

| | <u>Old Testament</u> | <u>Psalm</u> | <u>Epistle</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
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| July 2 | Jeremiah 28:5-9 | Psalm 119:153-160 | Romans 7:1-13 | Matthew 10:34-42 |
| July 9 | Zechariah 9:9-12 | Psalm 145:1-14 | Romans 7:14-25a | Matthew 11:25-30 |
| July 16 | Isaiah 55:10-13 | Psalm 65:1-13 | Romans 8:12-17 | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 |
| July 23 | Isaiah 44:6-8 | Psalm 119:57-64 | Romans 8:18-27 | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 |
| July 30 | Deuteronomy 7:6-9 | Psalm 125 | Romans 8:28-39 | Matthew 13:44-52 |



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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