



## 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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### Growing in faith and love

Wow! Thank you, church family, for your overwhelming support as we seek God's will for First Lutheran Church of Temple City together!

Our God is a mighty God. He has all the power and might to do great things ... impossible things!



### Faith in the miraculous

**Matthew 19:26 (English Standard Version – ESV)**

**<sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

**Luke 1:37**

**<sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.”**

We love God and love our neighbor as we pray and take small steps of faith in seeking God's Will.

**1 John 4:7**

**<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.**

God bless our journey that we may grow in faith, love, and unity. The destination is God's will, and the journey is our growth together.

Love,  
Pastor Scott



*July 2021*



**Gatherings:**

Friends in Deed's Van loading, Friday, July 2, 8:30 a.m.

Mission Development Team, Monday, July 5, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

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

Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 17, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors, Wednesday, July 28, 12:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service, July 4, 8:30 a.m.

July 11, 8:30 a.m.

July 18, 8:30 a.m.

July 25, 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.



*July Birthday*

*Vicki Trepanier*

*July 15*

**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!

During the month of June generous donors contributed \$3,598 towards the principal of the mortgage loan, making our balance \$137,908. It would be amazing if we could get the mortgage down below \$100,000 by the end of December. We thank God for our wonderful property and facilities, yet we want to use the monthly payments of \$5,028 to further our mission here in Temple City.

## Friends in Deed



Members and friends of First Lutheran continue to donate food items to Friends in Deed Food Pantry in Pasadena. You can help by putting a few items in your shopping cart and bring them to church. In May, 726 pounds were donated and taken to the pantry. The total pounds contributed since January 2017 is 20,678 pounds. Because of grants and gifts to this interfaith non-profit, they have recently been able to add staff to reach out with even more services to the homeless and the economically challenged. Recently, California State Senator Anthony J Portantino honored Friends in Deed with a California Nonprofits of the Year award.

## 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.





### **Saturday Prayer Group**

Join us in praying for the concerns of our congregation, our members, our neighborhood, our state, and our nation. This small group meets via phone each Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Call Jo Tschopp for more information at: (626) 355-9433.

*James 5:13 “Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.”*

*Matthew 5:44 “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”*  
*Matthew 26:41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

### **Mission Development Team**

This group of mission-minded people continue to plan monthly events to demonstrate care to our neighborhood. Several contacts have been made through these monthly distributions including a new Sunday School student. The next event is an Ice Cream Social scheduled for Saturday, on July 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Activities are planned for children and adults. Congregation members are, especially, invited to attend and fellowship with neighbors. Join us at our next monthly planning meeting on Monday July 5 at 11:00 a.m.



### **Tuesday Bible Study**

This group is moving into some of the parables of Jesus as written in Matthew. Each lesson has a personal application lesson for our life today. When we read and study the Bible, God speaks to us. You can join us each Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., no previous Bible knowledge is needed. Newcomers always have the best questions. For further information, contact Oscar Tschopp at: (626) 355-9433.

### **Little Free Library**

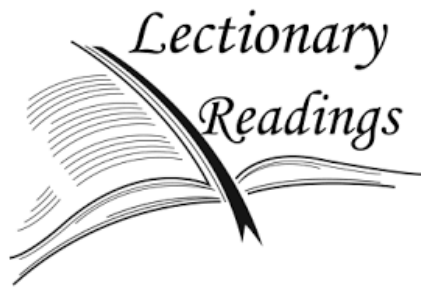
Thanks to the book donors, our Little Free Library is full. Always appreciated are adult fiction and non-fiction books, which you might have at home. In the past, I found it difficult to give away books. But now that I am older, I know I most likely won't have time to re-read some of my favorites. This makes it easier for me to share them with others. You can give your donations to Jo Tschopp or leave them in the Little Library.





**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, here are the popular radio stations and broadcast times are:

- 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.



### **Reading the Lectionaries**

Here are the lectionaries for July as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament (Epistle), and the Gospel as we celebrate the Independence Day on July 4:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 4	Ezekiel 2:1–5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:1–10	Mark 6:1–13
July 11	Amos 7:7–15	Psalm 85	Ephesians 1:3–14	Mark 6:14–29
July 18	Jeremiah 23:1–6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11–22	Mark 6:30–44
July 25	Genesis 9:8–17	Psalm 136:1–9	Ephesians 3:14–21	Mark 6:45–56

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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