



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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Pentecost: moving from safety to courage.

On the first Pentecost, the disciples were hiding behind a locked door. Jesus was no longer with them, and so they retreated to a safe place to hide. Their plan was to stay put and to protect themselves. There was day-to-day movement but no longer were they engaged with the world.



God moves on Pentecost and the disciples move from safety to a life of faith, a life of engagement with the world. They are no longer thinking about the safety of daily patterns but of challenging dynamic engagement with the communities around them.

First Lutheran was moved by God to purchase land and build a multi-purpose building for worship and education. The church was moved by God to build a Sanctuary and move out of the multi-purpose building and to start a school. The church was moved by God to purchase a house and establish a pre-school.

Faith moves people out of their comfort zones and into changes that depend upon God for success. Church history has documented over and over that movements can slip into monuments to the past and then simply disappear altogether. Thousands of churches reach the crossroad of “movement” or “monument”; some churches transform with “new wine” for “new wineskins”, while others disappear by putting “old wine” into “new wineskins”. Legions of churches are closing while many are being transformed into ministries that reach their communities.

Before the pandemic and my heart by-pass surgery, I shared my vision with the Board of Directors regarding the future of First Lutheran. I invite everyone to the Voter’s Assembly meeting this month to hear what I have to say. My role as a Vacancy Pastor includes prayer and research seeking God’s best for the church. I have no power to enact changes; this is up to the leadership, which is the congregation. I am looking forward to what you have to say and to hearing if there is any movement with regards to this vision. Let us all pray that God reveals His best for First Lutheran of Temple City.

Love,
Pastor Scott



June 2021



Gatherings:

Friends in Deed's Van loading, Friday, June 4, 8:30 a.m.

Mission Development Team, Sunday, June 6, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

Mission Development Team Neighborhood Distribution, Sunday, Jun 13, 11:00 a.m.

Father's Day Picnic, Saturday, June 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors, Sunday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.

Annual Voters' Meeting, Sunday, June 27, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service, June 6, 8:30 a.m.

June 13, 8:30 a.m.

June 20, 8:30 a.m.

June 27, 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 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.



June Birthdays

Jean Hyland June 17

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.

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.

Burn the Mortgage!

Members and friends of First Lutheran continue to give to our “Burn the Mortgage” effort. During May \$4,857 was designated to bring our balance to \$145,588. All gifts large and small are appreciated as we strive to lower the indebtedness to below \$100,000 by the end of December 2021. To contribute you can write on you offering envelope the amount you wish to allocate to the mortgage reduction campaign.



Friends in Deed

Since January of this year, our members have donated 3,010 pounds of food items to the Friends in Deed Food Pantry. Currently the Pantry is providing food to approximately 400 households weekly, which includes about 1000 people. Providing food helps the recipients to use their limited funds for rent, transportation and other necessities. Many of the recipients are elderly or the working poor. Next time you do your shopping, put a few extra items in your shopping cart and bring them to church

to put into our collection niche.

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.



You can also listen to sermons from the archive by Pastor Scott Ganas on our church website at: <https://firstlutherantc.org> under the Media section.



Saturday Prayer Group

Join us as we pray together knowing that: *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

Matthew 18:20.

Currently, we gather via phone on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and share prayer concerns for our church family, preschool, neighborhood, community, nation and the world. Contact Jo for further information (626) 355-9433.

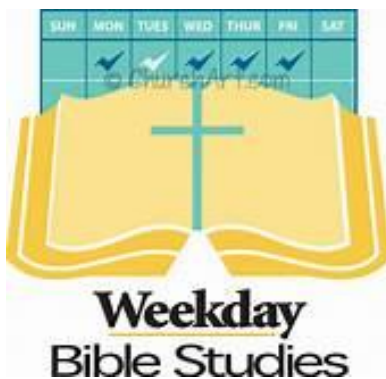
Mission Development Team

Team members enjoyed meeting members of the community at the Mother’s Day Picnic on May 8. Mothers received a hand painted face mask created by Hazel Bencoter and her family; they also received a specially created Mother’s Day card made by Jo Tschopp’s sister. The team is now getting ready to again walk the neighborhood, distribute invitations to the residences, and plan the Father’s Day Picnic on June 19.



All church members are invited as we celebrate fathers and especially honor our Heavenly Father. For July the team is planning an old-fashioned ice cream social, and for August a movie night. The team wants to involve nine people from the community who indicated that they would be interested in helping plan future events. Join us as we meet and plan on June 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. For further information contact: Jo Tschopp at: jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org

Tuesday Bible Study



This small group is enjoying the remarkable book of Matthew and finding out that no other New Testament author quotes the Old Testament as much as Matthew does. Join us Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. for an hour spent mediating and reflecting on God’s word. We will learn more about the life of Jesus and the disciples and be able to apply the lessons to our daily life. No previous Bible knowledge needed. For further information, contact Oscar Tschopp at: (626) 355-9433.



Community Prayer Box

This past weekend we received two prayer requests in the Community Prayer Box. Please pray for a woman living in her car; she asks for restoration of her family, her life, her finances, a home, and for Gabriel struggling with drug addiction. Another person would like prayer for the healing of evil-hearted people.

*Rejoice always, **pray** without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Continue steadfastly in **prayer**, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*
Colossians 4:2

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in **prayer**.* *Romans 12:12*

Please continue to pray for our neighborhood; there are hurting people and families that need God's peace and salvation.

Father's Day Picnic



Everyone has a Heavenly Father who loves and cares for His children. The Mission Development Team's activity for June is a community/neighborhood picnic. Please join us as we gather on June 19 from 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. Bring some side dishes to go with the provided pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw, hot dogs for the kids, drinks provided.



Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library recently received a stack of brand new children's books from Rachel Whitcher. Rachel likes to donate books about animals and this time she also purchased two "Little House on the Prairie" books. Also in the little library, as of today, is a spiral bound cookbook with recipes using only 5 ingredients. It is interesting to review the donations and see the various genres of books donated. I get excited when I notice a book is taken and hope the receiver enjoys it.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

First Lutheran recently received a gift of \$9.00 through the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. Nine dollars doesn't sound like much money. However, if 12 people gave \$9.00 it would amount to more than \$100.00. Every designation of Choice Dollars, large or small, adds up and is joyfully received.



Annual Voters' Meeting

It's the Board of Directors' election time at our upcoming Voters meeting!

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee:

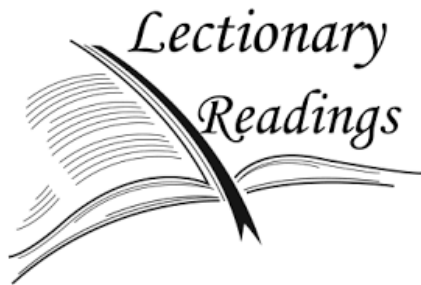
- ❖ Sharon Corey,
- ❖ Connie Kean,
- ❖ Norma Boehne, and
- ❖ Pastor Scott

Voters' meeting is set for Sunday, June 27th at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a light lunch and be informed of the exciting developments happening at your church. Hope to see you there!



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 May as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles, and the Gospel as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost May 23:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 6	Genesis 3:8–15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	Mark 3:20–35
June 13	Ezekiel 17:22–24	Psalm 1	2 Corinthians 5:1–17	Mark 4:25–34
June 20	Job 38:1–11	Psalm 124	2 Corinthians 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41
June 27	Lamentations 3:22–33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15	Mark 5:21–43

May 20, 2021

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your faithful support of Lutheran Bible Translators. I certainly appreciate your partnership in the Ipili translation work!

Ipili translators, Pastor Mandita and his daughter Margret, have moved their families to the Ipili area. It is good to have them establish the base for the Ipili language project within the Ipili area.

Please pray for them as they settle in there. We are planning to communicate using email, but right now there is not electricity where the Ipili house/office is located, and apparently Mandita does not have email on his phone. ***Pray that situation can be fixed soon.***

The coronavirus situation in Papua New Guinea has gotten quite serious. That is one of the reasons why Mandita and Margret wanted to move back to the Ipili area. ***Pray that they will all stay safe and in good health.***

Mandita and Margret are planning to work on encouraging Ipili people to listen to and read the Ipili Scriptures. They also want to help people understand what is involved in doing translation, and hope to encourage congregations to use the translation. ***There is a lot of work that can be done in these areas so please pray for wisdom for Mandita and Margret, and ask the Lord to motivate people to use the Scriptures.***

I am continuing to work on doing the advisor check of Exodus chapters 35-40. I am dealing with a digestive issue, and am having difficulty sleeping at night. ***Please pray!***

Janet Borchard

Lutheran Bible Translators

Millions of people don't have the Bible in their own language. Many speak a language that is not written down. Lutheran Bible Translators puts God's Word in their hands.

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Mandita next to my truck in PNG

Federwitz Email Express (Lutheran Bible Translators)



Dear Partners,

Last week I spent a few days in Tamale at the GILLBT office. Having previously spent 8 years in that office, it has now been almost 2 years since I have visited. I loved the reunion with old friends. My favorite part was during devotions on Friday morning when we sang "God is so good" but each person in the room led a verse that we sang in their language. It was a reminder to me of why we do what we do...it does not matter what language you speak; God cares about you.

The primary purpose of my trip was to introduce Naomi Ersland to the staff. In our most recent prayer letter (link below), we wrote about Michael and Naomi's arrival in Ghana a couple of months ago. It is an important part of our relationship with local partners for them to know Naomi. A few weeks ago we did the introductions to partners in Accra and then I rode to Tamale with the Erslands for introductions there.

Another reason for my trip was to help with a few IT issues that have come up. These ranged from the WiFi and database systems at the guest house, to virtual machine issues, to talking about future server needs for the IT department. I have been dealing so much with cloud systems lately that it was a bit of a brain switch to come back down to earth and work on physical systems. The photo above is me working with Stephen Ayuuni (GILLBT's IT Manager) on the guest house database.

If you have not received our prayer letter in the mail, you can click on the link below to read about my trip to US a couple of months ago, kids' school update, and of course the Erslands being back in Ghana.

<https://lbt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/PAFederwitz-April-2021-Prayer-Letter.pdf>

~Paul (he serves as the Asst. Dir. for Program Ministries & Chief Information Officer)

"THANK YOU" NOTE FROM: MINA GOOD:

"Dear Friends at First Lutheran,

I want to thank you for all the get well wishes, cards, and prayers. I am home from the hospital and working at building my strength back. All of you have helped me keep a positive attitude.

I hope all of you are well. Thank you again.

Love,
Mina Good and family"

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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