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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So much is going on in the world. But we, always, look up because our redemption is drawing closer and closer.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (English Standard Version)

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

"The Before picture": A perishable body
"The After picture": An unperishable body



1 Corinthians 15:43 & 44

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

"The Before picture": A body sown in sin (dishonor).

"The After picture": We will be raised with a glorious and sinless body.

Sown in weakness ... Raised in power.

Sown in a natural body ... Raised in a spiritual body.

Wars, rumors of wars, killings, plagues, threatened food and water shortages, and yet God promises nothing will ever separate us from the <u>eternal</u> love of God.

God bless you and fill you with the peace and joy of the hope of eternal glory that awaits us!

Love,
Pastor Scott



June 2022

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: June 5 Hazel Benscoter

June 12 Pat Caballero
June 19 Connie Kean
June 26 Norma Boehne

Readers: June 5 & June 19 Richard Swanson

June 12 & June 26 Christine Getz



Gatherings:

<u>Load the Van for Friends in Deed</u>, Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. <u>Father's Day Barbeque</u>, Saturday, June 18, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Voters' meeting, Sunday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, June 5, 8:30 a.m.

June 12, 8:30 a.m. June 19, 8:30 a.m. June 26, 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.

<u>Tuesday Bible Class</u>, every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Room <u>Saturday Prayer Group</u>, 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, 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.

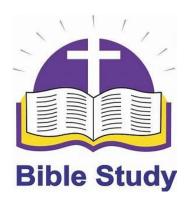
<u>Electronic Newsletter:</u> Let the Church Administrator know your email address if you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter via email at: <u>admin@firstlutherantc.org</u>.

Burn the Mortgage!

During May we were able to designate \$610 towards principal only payments, bringing our present mortgage balance to \$49,824. In June 2020 I asked LCEF, our lender, to run an amortization schedule showing our required monthly payment of \$5,028.23. The schedule shows the closing payment would be April 2024. With our extra principal payments, we are now scheduled to close the loan in April 2023! Of course, we could close even sooner as members and friends contribute to the debt reduction fund. The original loan was \$746,201 taken out March 2005. Many thanks to all who have helped in this effort, the end is in sight!

Tuesday Bible Study

This Bible study group is beginning the section in Genesis that deals with Jacob and the dream that he received of angels going up and down a ladder to heaven and God saying He would, always, be with Jacob and bless him. Join us on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Room. For further information contact Oscar Tschopp at: (626) 256-8333.





Friends in Deed

Our team of eager volunteers, who pre-pandemic served at Friends in Deed Food Pantry one Saturday a month, are excited to be asked to return. During the pandemic, the Pantry allowed only a few volunteers. As government guidelines have eased, and with changes of protocol implemented, time slots for supporters are being scheduled. The volunteers will begin on Saturday, June 25. Contact Dave Lassanske or Jo Tschopp if you are interested in helping.

Mission Development Team

The family picnic honoring mothers and families brought out 48 people ranging in age from babies to senior citizens. A professional photographer was taking family photos, several handmade quilts were presented, an interesting craft was being made, and historical hats were modeled and on display. The team was pleased that several neighborhood families have attended our events before and we are getting to recognize them and visit with them.



Our next event will be a barbeque honoring fathers and families on Saturday June 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are planning some fun activities. We hope everyone will consider coming; even if you are not a father, are single, or just want some good food and fellowship.

This enthusiastic team is, always, open to people who desire to reach out into our neighborhood. Let Jo Tschopp know if you are interested and want further information at: (626) 256-8333 or itschopp@firstlutherantc.org

Join us for these fun events!

- Barbecue and Bikes: Saturday, July 16
- August Spaghetti dinner
- September Taco Truck
- October Trunk and Treat



Little Free Library

The children's books in the Little Free Library are being taken and often books left. If you like to read, look at some of the selections in the little library. The Mission Development Team sees the library as a service to our neighbors. We have some faith-based fiction for both adults and children. We also include a selection of best sellers, mysteries, and non-fiction. We regularly receive books from neighbors who are downsizing. You can contribute to the library by giving your donations to Jo Tschopp or putting them in the library.



Community Prayer Box

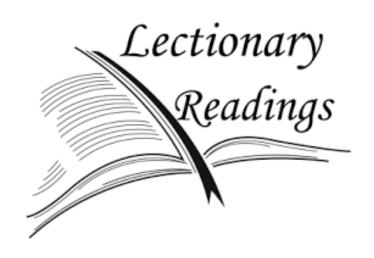
We have received two prayer requests this month from our Community Prayer Box. Maria asks for prayers for a friend and that his family would come to faith in Jesus and have God's peace in their lives. The second prayer request is asking for healing after femur surgery. I received a note from a pastor friend sharing the severity of that surgery. We may never know the results of our prayers, but we continue to pray and know that God hears and responds.



Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the <u>Lutheran Hour</u> 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 <u>Worship Anew</u> 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 June as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and the Gospel as we celebrate Pentecost, and Father's Day:

	Old Testament	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 5 (Day of Pen	Genesis 11:1–9 tecost)	Psalm 143	Acts 2:1–21	John 14:23–31
June 12 June 19 (Father's D	Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 Isaiah 65:1–9 ay)	Psalm 8 Psalm 3	Acts 2:14a, 22–36 Galatians 3:23–4:7	John 8:48–59 Luke 8:26–39
June 26	1 Kings 19:9b–21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13–25	Luke 9:51–62

Birthday This Month



Jean Hyland June 17

May 24, 2022

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your faithful support of Lutheran Bible Translators. I appreciate your partnership with 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 my earlier translation work. During 1996 to 1997 I served in the country of Namibia in southern Africa. I trained the Dhimba translation team and helped them do a linguistic survey to determine the need for Bible translation in their language. Here is a picture of a workshop where we trained Dhimba people to give feedback on the translation. The translation work continued

after I left Namibia and the New Testament was dedicated in 2013.

I recently had sad news from Pastor Mandita, the Ipili translator in Papua New Guinea. He is in the Ipili area, and he told me that there is a lot of fighting going on between clans near where he is. A lot of people have been killed, and sadly, his youngest son Kenet was killed. (Kenet was in the 6th grade last year.) *Please pray for Mandita and his family in their great grief. Pray that they will be safe and that they will know comfort from the Lord.* There has been strife within Mandita's family for some time. *Pray that in their grief they will be come together and be at peace with one another.*

The past several months I have been going through the Ipili translation of Genesis to make sure the meaning is correct. As part of that process, I have also been updating the file which has the English meaning of the translation. Now that I have finished that work Genesis is ready for Mandita to go through the issues that I have found. I had hoped that he would be able to go to the translation center to do this work, but he probably won't be able to go there for some months because unrest from the upcoming national elections makes travel difficult.

A woman who formats Scripture books is, currently, getting the Ipili translation of the books of Ruth and Jonah ready to be printed as separate booklets. These booklets will be used to help Ipili people practice reading their language.

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 $1^{\rm st}$ & $3^{\rm rd}$ Sundays only 9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY Every Sunday