



## 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.*

**March 2022 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Epiphany – The season of the church year that we observe the Revelation of the Son of God. Jesus reveals His divinity and a foretaste of what He will accomplish for believers, for us.

The trinity is revealed at Jesus' baptism. We are baptized in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit!

Jesus changed water into wine at the wedding feast. We have a future wedding feast in heaven!

Jesus heals the blind. We do not see Him yet but we will be given New Eyes to see Him and be with Him forever!

Jesus heals ... we will be given new bodies that will last forever, eternal perfect health!

Jesus rises from the dead, we will rise with Him!

In these difficult times, look up for your salvation that draws nearer and nearer!



Love,  
Pastor Scott



# March 2022

<b>Ushers</b>	Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts	
<b>Greeters:</b>	March 6	Hazel Benscoter
	March 13	Pat Caballero
	March 20	Connie Kean
	March 27	Norma Boehne



## **Gatherings:**

Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, March 2, 1:00 p.m.

Load the Van for Friends In Deed, Friday, March 4, 8:30 a.m.

Mission Development Team, Monday, March 2, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

Board of Directors' Meeting, Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, March 6, 8:30 a.m.

March 13, 8:30 a.m.

March 20, 8:30 a.m.

March 27, 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.

Tuesday Bible Class, every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

Saturday Prayer Group, 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](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.

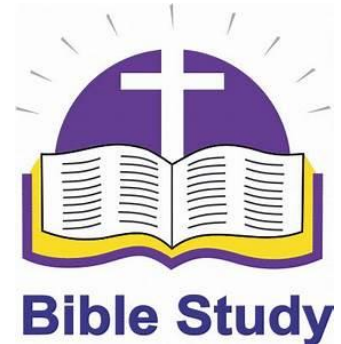
**Electronic Newsletter:** Let the Church Administrator know your email address if you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter via email at: [admin@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org).

# Burn the Mortgage!

Lutheran Church Extension Fund has run an amortization schedule for us showing that we will have the mortgage paid in full by March 2023. However, it could be paid sooner because we continue to receive offerings designated extra principal payments. The goal is in sight, God has given the congregation so many blessings, including generous members. You can help by giving an extra gift for mortgage reduction in your offering envelope.

## Tuesday Bible Study

This small group is moving through the book of Genesis studying the flood, the Tower of Babel, and the life of Abraham. Join us as we meet on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. All levels of Bible knowledge and experience are welcome. This is a participatory class rather than a lecture format. We read and study the Bible at home and bring our questions and answers to share with the other members. For further information contact Oscar Tschopp at: (626) 256-8333



## Community Prayer Box

Since January, we have received eight prayer requests. The requests are sent out via our email prayer chain and to the Saturday Prayer Group.

*Acts 17:27 "They were to look for God. Then they might feel after Him and find Him because He is not far from each one of us."*

## Camellia Festival



Temple City Camellia Festival  
9701 Las Tunas Drive  
Temple City, CA 91780.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Royal Court Play Day Contest  
March 19th  
Application Deadline  
March 7th

**Royal Coronation - April 9th**

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**Carnival Weekend**  
**May 20-21-22**  
Booth Application Deadline  
April 6th  
Food - Game & Specialty Booths

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**Parade**  
**May 21st at 10:00 am**  
Application Deadline  
April 6th  
Walking Units - Floats (New Rules)

## Friends in Deed

Our small congregation continues to support the Friends in Deed Food Pantry in Pasadena with monthly deliveries of food items collected during the month. In January, members and friends of First Lutheran contributed 614 pounds. In January, boxes of cereal were particularly appreciated because the Pantry was running low on their supplies. Most of the clients coming to the pantry are the working poor, senior citizens, and those disabled or unable to work fulltime. Tim, the director of the Pantry, said at our last delivery, the need is great throughout the county. Please consider adding a few extra items to your shopping cart. Anything that you like to eat is probably something someone else would enjoy. You can bring your donations to the basket in the church entrance area.



## Mission Development Team

Chinese New Year was celebrated January 29 with an outstanding piano concert and a delicious dumpling and noodle dinner in the parish hall. Approximately 60 people attended. The children enjoyed making a paper lantern, and a Chinese dragon puppet. For the February, activity the Mission Development Team has planned a Mardi Gras Party on February 26.

We plan to share the meaning of Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday. The next activity is an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 and April 16 (Saturday). The reason for having two dates is, hopefully to spread the crowd out. Last year we had a good attendance. Please consider donating plastic eggs and small items that will fit into the eggs. We have received a Thrivent Action Team grant for \$250 which will be used to purchase children's books telling the real Easter story. You can also volunteer to help with registration, craft activities, filling eggs, etc. Let Jo Tschopp know your availability. The team has made 13 monthly distributions into our neighborhood.





## **Little Free Library**

The Little Free Library is a service to the neighborhood. People leave books, while other people take books. It is interesting to watch the collection change. I have taken some of the children's books home to read to my grandchildren. There have been treasures of adult books, and also some books that the neighbors have grown tired of. You can leave your donations in the Little Library or given them to Jo Tschopp.

## **Sunday School**

Many people do not know about our very special Sunday School class. At the present, we have four students who attend regularly. Currently, all of the families are unchurched. It is very challenging but fun to teach a first grader, two seventh graders, and a ninth grader all in the same room. I love visiting with the parents and listening to the children with their questions and concerns. Please pray for me, the students, and families, as each one is unique and growing in their faith. We always welcome more children and helpers. Thank you, Jo Tschopp.

## **Sunday Worship at Home**

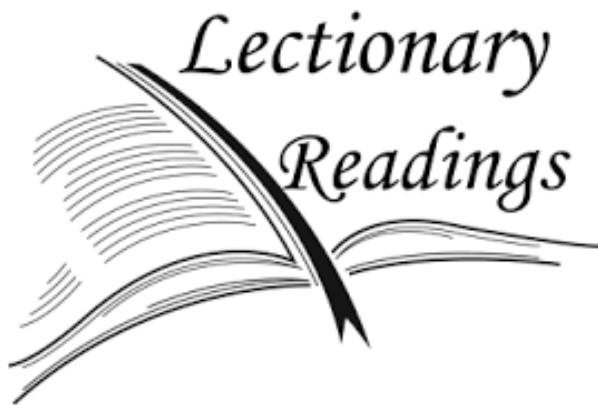
If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

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.



## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Members and friends of First Lutheran can direct their 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran, and many other causes. The deadline for directing 2021 Choice Dollars is March 31. Since 2011, First Lutheran has received \$41,970. You can direct your Choice Dollars by calling Thrivent's main office, receiving help from your Thrivent agent, or contact Jo Tschopp at: (626) 256-8333.

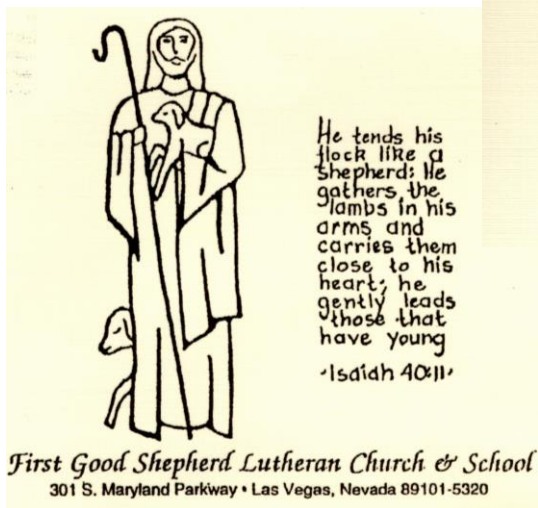


## Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for March as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and the Gospel during this Lenten season:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
March 6	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-13	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 13	Jeremiah 26:8-15	Psalm 4	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 20	Ezekiel 33:7-20	Psalm 85	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 27	Isaiah 12:1-8	Psalm 32	Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## Prayer from other church



*Our First Lutheran Church,*  
We praise God and give Him thanks for the blessings He has poured out on your life. You are being lifted up in prayer and thanksgiving.

*Jo Pitman  
Ron & Doris Paltzman  
Eric Sefton  
Kevin + Jana Buckley  
Ardee Anderson  
Jean Bogner  
Richard King  
Marion & Kim Dehn*



# Borchard Prayer Letter

Papua New Guinea

February 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

## ***Translation***

I am currently working through the Ipili translation of Genesis to check the meaning for a final time and to update the English back-translation. I hope to complete this task by the end of March. Then in April, Lord willing, Mandita will be able to go to the translation center at Ukarumpa so we will be able to discuss any issues that I find in the meaning. We'll work together via the internet as we have in previous years. ***Pray for wisdom for me as I go through Genesis, and pray that Mandita will be able to travel to Ukarumpa in April so we will be able to go through all of Genesis together.***



## ***Using the Ipili Scriptures***

After I talked to Mandita in November he went back to the Ipili area where he and other leaders started visiting congregations and reading the Ipili Scriptures with them. I'm so glad that they are doing that. ***Pray that they will continue this important work.*** We're hoping that a few Ipili leaders will be able to go to Ukarumpa in April so they can meet with people to discuss other ideas for encouraging people to use the Ipili Scriptures. Another possibility would be for a team of Scripture Use people to go to the Ipili area to see what the Scripture Use situation is like and to meet with Ipili people to give them ideas for using the Scriptures. ***Please pray that one of these possibilities, or both, will come to pass.***

## ***Recording of Ruth and Exodus Chapters 1-5***

The translation of the book of Ruth and of the first five chapters of the book of Exodus were completed back in 2019, so they are ready to be recorded and included with the other recorded Scriptures on audio Bible players. These could be recorded when Mandita and other leaders are at Ukarumpa. ***Pray that these Scripture portions will be able to be recorded.***

This picture is of part of the group of Ipili people who recorded the Ipili New Testament in 2009 when Dan and Kay Finley came to do the recording.





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## **Voters' Meeting**

This shall take place on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study class after worship that day. This is so that we may go to the Voters' Meeting right after worship service ends regarding selling the field. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Room beginning around 10:00 a.m. If you are a Shut-In member of the church, please call Board of Directors' President – Judy Gunther at: (626) 833-5613 – for more details on how to vote.



## **Ash Wednesday Service**

There will be service on March 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Please note that no food will be provided.



## **Good Friday Service**

On April 15, 2022, there will be a service at 1:00 p.m.



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*March 2022*

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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