



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.

May 2023 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Annual Reminder of Resurrection

Every Spring, the world comes alive with flowers and fruit from land that appeared to be barren.

1 Corinthians 15:36b–38 (English Standard Version – ESV)

^{36b} What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

Every seed dies and the life comes out as a tree, a plant, or grass ... This will happen to us.

1 Corinthians 15:42

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

1 Corinthians 15:44

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.

HE IS RISEN! WE WILL RISE WITH HIM!



Love,
Pastor Scott



May 2023

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: May 7 Hazel Benscoter
May 14 Pat Caballero
May 21 Connie Kean
May 28 Norma Boehne

Readers: May 7 & May 21 Richard Swanson
May 14 & May 28 Christine Getz



Gatherings:

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, May 5, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Monthly Soup and Sandwich, May 10, Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Mission Development Team Mothers' Day, May 13, Saturday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, May 21, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, May 27, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, May 7, 8:30 a.m.
May 14, 8:30 a.m.
May 21, 8:30 a.m.
May 28, 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 preferred 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 Food Pantry at Friends in Deed is set up like a neighborhood market where economically challenged community members can come in and select their own groceries. Relationships with local markets such as Grocery Outlet, Ralphs, Trader Joe's, and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provide fresh produce, meat and protein. Support from churches, schools, local businesses, organizations and individuals are critical to the

success of Friends in Deed. These are the GOLD ITEMS that the pantry relies upon, please consider adding a few to your next shopping trip: canned tuna/chicken, hearty soups, beef stew, chili, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, rice, cooking oil, flour, sugar, and fruit juice.

Last month, First Lutheran delivered 516 pounds of food items to Friends in Deed.

Mission Development Team

First Lutheran welcomed neighbors and community members to our Easter Egg Hunt on April 1. We enjoyed the youthful enthusiasm of Foothill Preparatory High School students as they provided help hiding the eggs, assisting with crafts, setting up and cleaning up.



We are looking forward to spending time with Missionary Ana Bostick at our monthly Soup & Sandwich on Wednesday, May 10 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Room. Anna will be sharing about her ministry work in Burundi, Africa.

On Saturday, May 13, 12:00 the Mission Development Team will be honoring mothers at a Family Picnic Lunch. Professional photographer Amy Liang will be taking digital family photos. A beautiful hand-created card will be given to each woman who attends.



Missionary News from Anna Rosteck (updated every quarter)

Hello, First Lutheran Church family! I hope you all are well. As most of you know, I was recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. It really isn't as bad as it sounds, and the doctors feel like it is fully treatable. They expect me to make a full recovery and be back in Africa before I know it. I really miss the people that I work with in Burundi, and being able to share with them the love of God. My heart and mission in Africa haven't changed, it's just the timing. I really appreciate all of the cards, prayers, and support from all of you, and I am really looking forward to seeing all of you this month in May. I shall be giving a presentation at First Lutheran of Temple City during their Monthly Soup & Sandwich luncheon. Hope to see you all then.

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.



Birthday This month

Hazel Bencoter

May 25

Community Prayer Box

We continue to monitor our Community Prayer Box, and follow ups would be made if the writer provides any contact information. We rejoice that people recognize the power of prayer and take their time to share their concerns with us.



Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart. ⁷ And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.



Robert “Bob” George Heckman

Bob was born on June 9, 1934 to Henry and Florence Heckman in Madelia Village, Minnesota. He was raised on a farm. Bob never outgrew his love for tractors, combines, and harvesting. Bob pursued a career as a food chemist, but his first love was to become a jet fighter pilot. Unfortunately, because of having dental issues, he was not eligible for the training program.

Bob attended Bethany College in Mankato, Minnesota. After two years of education, he could teach at a Lutheran school in Antrium in Minnesota. Bob taught all eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse for three years before he transferred to Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska. There, he met Shirley and they were later married in 1960.

God blessed Bob and Shirley with two daughters – Karla (Heckman) Van Valkenburg and Kathy (Heckman) Lunardi. Kathy and Paul Lunardi have a son, Christopher Lunardi (grandson). Bob taught in many Lutheran schools in California, namely Oxnard, Alhambra, Montebello, and Temple City. During his 45-year ministry, his roles included Teacher, Principal, Sports Coach, Youth Group Leader, Adult Bible Study Leader, School Bus Driver, and Rose Parade Pedal Pusher.

In 2014, Bob and Shirley moved to Royal Oaks in Bradbury, California where Bob served on Residents Council, Safety Committee, Team Education Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee Section Leader, and Men’s Luncheon Committee. Besides serving as a new resident ambassador, Bob also purchased and stocked the Acorn Room with water and soft drinks. Bob’s hobbies included camping, gardening, rock hounding, and reading about aviation and WWII Memorabilia. He was a member of SAG, where he took part in driving vintage vehicles for the movies.

Bob leaves behind his immediate family of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and many friends. Bob's immediate family held the interment on March 28th, 2023 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California.

Those that knew Bob can say with all boldness and confidence:

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” Matthew 25:23

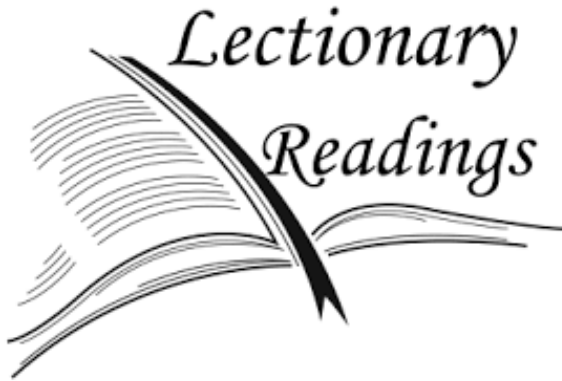
Prayer Requests from Robert “Bob” Heckman’s family

Please pray for the family of Robert Heckman, who passed away on March 13th. Bob graduated from Concordia College / University, Seward in Nebraska and served in ministry as a teacher and principal for 45 years. Of the 45 years, Bob served 43 years in the Pacific Southwest District before retiring in 2000. Bob served at St. John’s in Oxnard; Emmaus in Alhambra; St. John’s in Montebello; and First Lutheran in Temple City. Bob is survived by his wife – Shirley who is also a teacher in the Pacific Southwest District (PSD) and daughters – Karla and Kathy. Shirley and Bob were married for 62 years. A Celebration of Life service was held in honor of Robert “Bob” George Heckman on April 22, 2023 (Saturday) at Royal Oaks Chapel. The family wishes to thank those who attended the service and stayed for the light lunch reception afterwards.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS MONTH



Richard Swanson	May 10
Renee Errickson	May 12
Hazel Bencoter	May 25



Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for May as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel during this Easter Season, ending with Pentecost:

	<u>First Reading / Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
May 7	Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a; 51–60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2–10	John 14:1–14
May 14	Acts 17:16–31	Psalm 66:8–20	1 Peter 3:13–22	John 14:15–21
May 21	Acts 1:12–26	Psalm 68:1–10	1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11	John 17:1–11
May 28	Numbers 11:24–30	Psalm 25:1–15	Acts 2:1–21	John 7:37–39
	<i>(Pentecost)</i>			



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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