



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.

November 2021 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

God gives and we share the gifts ...

In the long green season of Pentecost, we have been looking at how God equips His church to build up the saints and expand the Kingdom of God into the world.

In our Adult Bible Class, we are moving through the book of Colossians with an eye toward starting the book of Luke around the Christmas season.

The book of Colossians has a few lists, in particular. In chapter three, God gives us qualities in our Baptismal Grace that He wants us to allow the heavenly qualities to flow through us.

God gives us compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness to give to each other.

May your holiday season be full of the gifts that God has for you through His son, Jesus Christ!



Thank You, LORD!

Love,
Pastor Scott



November 2021

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts
Greeters: November 7 Hazel Bencoter
 November 14 Pat Caballero
 November 21 Connie Kean
 November 28 Norma Boehne



Gatherings:

Mission Development Team, Monday, November 1, 11:00 a.m. in Room 8
Board of Directors' Meeting, Sunday, November 14, 11:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Midweek Service and lunch, Wednesday, November 24, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Times, November 7, 8:30 a.m.
 November 14, 8:30 a.m.
 November 21, 8:30 a.m.
 November 28, 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.

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.



November Birthdays

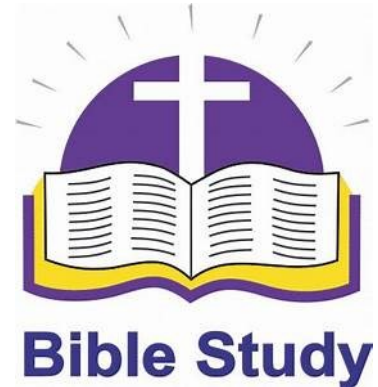
Philip Caballero	November 5
Mina Good	November 23
Margaret Bradfute	November 26
Monica Ganas	November 29

Burn the Mortgage!

Praise God! Our mortgage loan is \$95,959. The goal was to get it below \$100,000 before January 1. Thanks to very generous gifts the church made a mortgage loan payment of \$21,565 to the principal. Can we really retire the loan and actually burn the mortgage in 2022? We continue to pray, focus, and wait for God to act. Paying off the church loan will allow the congregation to dedicate more funds to direct ministry outreach. If you make year-end financial gifts, please prayerfully consider contributing to the debt reduction fund.

Tuesday Bible Study

This small but mighty group plans to finish their study of Matthew the week of Thanksgiving. Join us as we finish this first book of the New Testament, immersing ourselves in the passion of Christ. We will then joyfully await the celebration of Christmas and the birth of our Savior.



Community Prayer Box

Our Community Prayer Box has been available for over a year, we have received 24 requests for prayers. The requests are sent out via email to our prayer chain. The Saturday Prayer Group prays for the requests and continues to revisit them. The requests include prayers for healing, pregnancies, reconciliations, relief from drug addiction, world peace, family relationships, marital challenges and homelessness. God desires our prayers and promises to help us in our troubles.

Isaiah 65:24

*Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.*



Friends in Deed

Members of the congregation and others donated 784 pounds of food in September to the Friends in Deed Food Pantry in Pasadena. Don't forget to include in your shopping cart a few items for the pantry and then bring them to church, the ushers will tell you where to deposit them. The weather is cooler, soups, stews, chili, and canned meats are very much appreciated. The Pantry reports that more and more families are reporting food insufficiency.

Little Free Library

Don't forget to check out the selection of books in our Little Free Library, you might find a treasure. We always appreciate donations; let Jo Tschopp know if you have some books you want to donate. People from the neighborhood have been donating used textbooks, children's books, and both non-fiction and fiction.



Mission Development Team



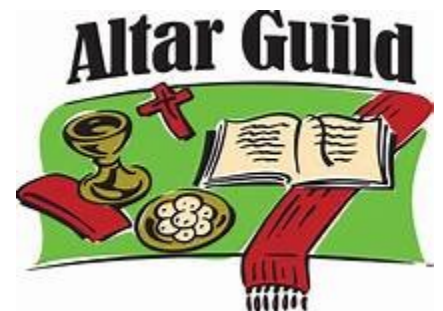
A big thanks is extended to the members and friends who decorated their car trunks and participated at the Trunk and Treat on Halloween night. The Mission Development Team will be meeting on Monday, November 1, 11:00 in Room 8. The Sewing group will be using the Fellowship Room. We invite anyone to join us as we make plans for December and discuss plans for 2022.

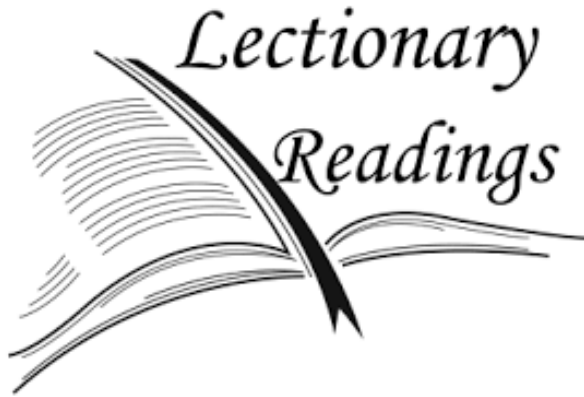
The Board of Directors will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, November 24 at noon. The Mission Development Team will distribute invitations to the neighborhood.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is growing, two new members, Connie Kean and Kathy Janetzke have agreed to help set up for communion. Working at the altar is an awesome responsibility and a simple way to serve the congregation. To set up the communion, it takes about 30 minutes following the very explicit written directions and then putting the elements and communion away after the service. Generally, the setup is done on Friday or Saturday.

Contact Jo Tschopp if you would like further information at: (626) 355-9433





Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for November as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament (Epistle), and the Gospel during the Thanksgiving and Advent season:

	<u>Old Testament / First Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
November 7 (All Saints' Day observed)	Revelations 7:2–17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1–3	Matthew 5:1–12
Or	1 Kings 17:8–16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24–28	Mark 12:38–44
November 14	Daniel 12:1–3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11–25	Mark 13:1–13
November 31	Isaiah 51:4–6	Psalm 93	Jude 20–25	Mark 13:24–37
November 28	Jeremiah 33:14–16	Psalm 25:1–10	1 Thessalonians 3:9–13	Luke 21:25–36

“Dear First Lutheran Church,

My Father, John Miller’s last wishes were to donate to the church that encompassed his world. First Lutheran. Over 60 years a member, a Deacon and a proud Lutheran. The church gave my Father comfort, fellowship and lifelong friendships, but most importantly the love of Christ that was true and strong all of his days.

Thank You! Lori, Roxanne & Eric Miller

John Miller’s estate is donating \$20,000.00 to our “Burn the Mortgage Fund.”

*"It was only a sunny smile
And cost little in the giving,
But like morning light, it scattered the night
and made the day worth living
-F. Scott Fitzgerald*

John Henry Miller-Born April 25, 1929 -died June 5th, 2020



John Henry Miller was born on April 25, 1929, on a kitchen table in East Los Angeles on Betty Street. He attended elementary school, Jr. High School, and Garfield High School, all in the East Los Angeles area.

John was a star gymnast at Garfield High School. He attended one year of East Los Angeles City College, and then decided to go into the Navy during the Korean War. After coming home from the war, he met Margaret Fratzke at a party, and after only two weeks of dating, he proposed, and Margaret accepted. They were married in Montebello on September 25, 1955.

The newlywed couple bought a little home in Temple City on Sereno Drive, where they had their first two children, Roxanne (born 1959) and Eric (born 1961). In 1962 they bought their second home on Primrose Avenue, also in Temple City, where they had their third child, Lori (born 1964).

The family settled at 6122 Primrose Avenue, where John still lived until his death. The family became members and attended First Lutheran Church, where all the children attended First Lutheran School from kindergarten to eighth grade. All the children were baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran, Temple City.

John was an active member of First Lutheran Church for 65+ years, where he served as usher and Deacon for many years. As members, the family learned the power of faith, and fellowship.

In 1972 John started his own locker business: JM Service & Supply, which is still family owned today. Throughout his 40+ years with the business, John hired many church members and their children, to help him with his locker company.

John also loved art. He was a watercolor artist, and he attended numerous local classes taught by auspicious artists, including Bob Uker and Chris Van Winkle. John was a prolific watercolor artist, creating thousands of paintings that he rarely parted with.

John also loved playing and watching tennis. He enjoyed meeting his tennis friends at Live Oak Park on most mornings. John loved life—he loved his family, friends and Christ and always lived a very social life.

John also loved movies. As a kid, he and his friends would sneak into the local movie theatre and watch movies all day. As an adult, he continued to watch films at local theatres and on HBO. He also taught his children how to love movies, and he, and they, with friends, celebrated the art by having an annual Academy Awards party.

John missed his wife Margaret after her passing, and he expressed those feelings often. He also loved his sister Agnes Drobeck very much and visited her often until she died at the age of 99.

On John's 90th birthday, the special day was celebrated with his family and friends, surrounded by some of his amazing artworks. At the time, he was still driving his newly purchased RAV4.

John Henry Miller was survived by his children: Roxanne Skovira, Eric Miller, and Lori Morrison, and his three grandchildren: John Joseph, Claire, and Monique.





Borchard Prayer Letter

Papua New Guinea

October 2021

***“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
Isaiah 55:10-11 (ESV)***

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

Dear Praying Friends,

One of our prayer partners recently wrote me an email asking, “Why are the Ipili reluctant to listen to and read the Scriptures?” That was a good question, and maybe one that other people have wondered about. We’ve learned that a lot of Ipili people don’t know that the Ipili translation exists and has been recorded. That is a big part of the work that Ipili translators Mandita and Margret will be doing in the coming months so we can get God’s Word out to more people.

Many Ipili people have never learned to read because they have not been to school, and those who have been to school were taught to read only in English. In the past there have been some Ipili reading classes offered through the social development department at the Porgera gold mine. Those classes used materials developed by my late husband Terry. But it has been a while since those classes were offered. That is why we are planning to have three people go to a course where they will learn how to set up reading programs to teach people to read. Lely and Margret, who are with me in this picture, are two of the people we plan to have take the course. The original plan was to attend the course in 2020, but the course was cancelled for 2020 and also for 2021 because of coronavirus. Now we are hoping the course will be offered in 2022. ***Pray for wisdom and perseverance as Mandita and Margret encourage people to use God’s Word in their own language.***



Lely, Janet, and Margret

In my last prayer letter I mentioned that Mandita was able to go to the Paiela district of the Ipili area to show videos and to sell audio Scripture players. He was able to sell 30 audio players and left 20 more with someone to be sold later. Unfortunately, when he returned home to the Porgera part of the Ipili area he and the other two men who went with him ended up in the hospital. I don’t know why they were all in the hospital, but Mandita was there for two weeks, and part of his problem was pain in his leg. ***Thank the Lord for the healing they received!***

I also mentioned in that letter that I was hoping to talk to Mandita and Margret about the Ipili project. But just as I was ready to set up a time for us to talk, Mandita told me that his phone was ruined because the battery burned. So then I hoped to have Mandita and Margret travel to the translation center at Ukarumpa so we can talk via Skype. While there Terry Cirre would be able to help Mandita get a new phone and set it up so we can communicate when Mandita and Margret are in the Ipili area. But

near the end of September I heard that travel to the province where Ukarumpa is located is restricted because the coronavirus situation has gotten much worse there. So now I'm planning to communicate my thoughts to Mandita and Margret by sending him some emails. That is not as good as having a live conversation, but it will have to do for now. We'll still need to figure out how to get and set up a new phone for Mandita. **Pray for clear communication using email. Pray, too, for the virus situation.**

I've been working with a doctor on my digestive health, and have taken treatments for two chronic infections. **Pray that I will get completely well, and that I will regain strength and stamina.** I am aiming toward going to Papua New Guinea after the beginning of next year. In October I plan to start working on the things that will be required in order to go to PNG. I will continue to work on advisor checking the Ipili translation. **Please pray.**

Your Partner in Bible Translation,

Janet

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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