



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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It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it. The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.” (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



October 2023

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

<u>Greeters:</u>	October 1	Connie Kean
	October 8	Pat Caballero
	October 15	Sharon Corey
	October 22	Norma Boehne
	October 29	Hazel Benscoter

<u>Readers:</u>	October 1 and October 15	Richard Swanson
	October 8 and October 22	Christine Geltz
	October 29	Jo Tschopp



Gatherings:

First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich, *October 4, Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.*

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, *October 6, Friday at 8:30 a.m.*

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, *October 14, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.*

Board of Directors' Meeting, *October 15, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.*

Mission Development Team Meeting, *October 19, Thursday at 10:00 a.m.*

Mission Development Team's Trunk and Treat, *October 31, Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.*

<u>Sunday Worship Times,</u>	October 1, 8:30 a.m.
	October 8, 8:30 a.m.
	October 15, 8:30 a.m.
	October 22, 8:30 a.m.
	October 29, 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 the Church Administrator (Elizabeth Yu) at: admin@firstlutherantc.org, or call:(626) 287-0968 and leave a message if you prefer to have a hard copy mailed out to you.

<u>Pastoral Care:</u>	Pastor Scott Ganas at:	(951) 795-8162 or
	Board of Directors Chairman, Judy Gunther at:	(626) 833-5613.



Friends in Deed

Since 1894, Friends in Deed has been serving the community. The motto for this interfaith non-profit is organization is “Doing together what we cannot do alone.” First Lutheran of Temple City has been taking food items to their food pantry for five years. Recently, Friends in Deed was recognized as the 2023 Nonprofit of the Year from the 28th Congressional District. You can bring shelf stable food items to church and put them in the box in the

narthex. Since January 2023, we have contributed more than a ton of food – 4323 pounds to be exact! Thanks to all who participate in this effort to help people who are financially challenged.

Mission Development Team

We celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a Taco Night last month. The food was delicious with the help from Foothill Preparatory High School students, and Jacquelyn Hasty who served “Mock Margaritas.” We also welcomed some guests from our neighborhood.



On October 31st from 6 to 7:30 p.m., we will be hosting “Trunk and Treat” in the church parking lot for neighborhood children. Want to be creative and decorate your trunk? If you want to participate, let Jo Tschopp know by sending her an email at: jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org.



First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich

At the October 4th Monthly Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, there will be a presentation on the One Hundred Years of Temple City’s History during noon time. Mary Sneed of the Temple City Historical Society Museum will be sharing that history with us. Come and join us to hear more about this in the Fellowship Room.



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.



You may, also, access and/or review Pastor Scott's sermon online by going to: <https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>.

Community Prayer Box

Generally, when someone leaves a prayer request in our Community Prayer Box, they do not care to include any contact information for follow up. However, a woman left two very detailed prayer requests which she had prepared at home regarding two different situations from our neighborhood recently with follow up information. After contacting the woman, Jo was able to connect her with a solution. God desires our prayers and offers answers in ways we would never think of.



Jeremiah 29:12-13

¹² Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will look for Me and find Me, when you look for Me with all your heart.



Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is in need of a fresh coat of paint. If you would like to take on this project, let Jo Tschopp know. At the present time, there are in need of some adult fiction and non-fiction books, as well as children's books. You can place them in the library, or bring them to church and put them on the back table in the Sanctuary. Currently in the library, there are some children's Bible story books. Please take some to pass out to children in your family or neighborhood.



WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU IN PERSON

Request a Presentation

We are delighted to present more information about our organization to your congregation either on a Sunday or a weekday, talking about what we do to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the SoCal mission field. Or, perhaps there is specific topic you wish to be addressed by one of our executives or professionals. Please contact Paul Fournier, Church and Community Relations representative, at: (714) 621-5845 or Paul.Fournier@lsssc.org.

Women's Giving Circle

Ladies, enjoy interesting speakers, meet other women who are making good things happen. Next gathering will be on Tuesday October 17th, 2023 in Irvine (LCMS Pacific Southwest District – **1540 Concordia Drive East**) from 5 to 7 pm. Free to attend. For information and registration, visit www.lsssc.org/WomensGivingCircle. Registration page opening soon, but if you would like to reserve your spot **now**, you can send an email to: menon.smith@lsssc.org.



Women's Giving Circle Second Open Meeting

LSSSC Supporters and women of faith are invited to our second quarterly meeting of our NEW Women's Giving Circle. Enjoy a wine and cheese networking meeting, a one-of-a kind guest speaker and learn about this new way to make a difference for others in So California.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Pacific Southwest District - LCMS
1540 Concordia Dr, East, Irvine, CA 92612

COMPLIMENTARY EVENT REGISTRATION
www.lsssc.org/WomensGivingCircle



Come meet and mingle with our speaker, Dr. La Sharnda Beckwith.

In addition to her extensive professional background, Dr. Beckwith also utilizes her platform as the founder of Professional Christian Women in Service to mentor hundreds of women in professional and executive leadership roles.



LaSharnda Beckwith, Ph.D., D.B.A
CEO, Lutheran Social Services SoCal
(See full bio on registration page).

Additionally, if you have any other questions about the event, please contact Lori Butler at: (760) 224-2074.



What is The Women's Giving Circle?

The LSSSC Women's Giving Circle's goal is to unite women from all walks of life, backgrounds, and ages to collectively support special programs and giving initiatives at Lutheran Social Services of Southern California. United as female leaders to serve vulnerable people and share the love of Christ, their common mission will be to raise awareness of, and funds for, special LSSSC projects and initiatives they collectively designate to support in the Greater Southern California community.

In the process, the group will seek to increase their awareness of, and engagement in the issues covered by the circle. The Community Wellness Center in the City of San Bernardino has been selected as the inaugural issue of focus for the Year 2023-2024.

The LSSSC Women's Giving Circle focuses on collaboration, empowerment, spiritual growth, and learning. You will join a passionate group of women who are pooling their resources to make a difference and create a legacy. This giving circle is open to all women and is a great way for you, your mom, sister or daughter and friends to join us in making a bigger impact in Southern California —together.

Designed as a giving circle, members commit to giving OR raising \$1,200 (over age 40) or \$600 (age 40 and under) per year. They then leverage this pooled fund to have greater philanthropic impact on the mission of LSSSC. *Young adults (ages 12-21) may join as a Junior member for just \$120 year/\$10 a month) when recommended by a full member of the group.*

The collective membership of the circle will appoint a 12-member steering committee each year. That committee will plan and host quarterly meetings of interest to members and other such events and activities as the collective membership decides.

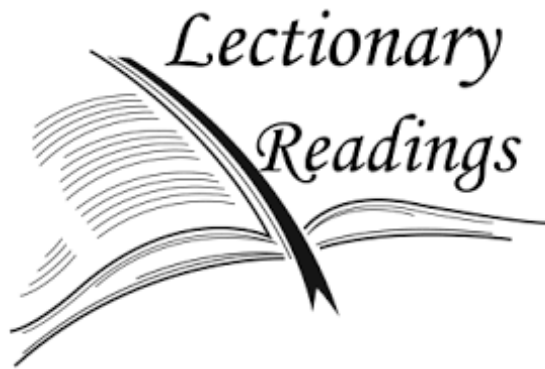
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Lori J. Butler, CFRE: Lori.butler@lsssc.org



Majorie “Marge” Markham

First Lutheran of Temple City has received a gift from the estate of long-time member Marjorie “Marge” Markham who passed away a few months ago. We praise God for this generous gift.



Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for October as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel as we observe Reformation Sunday on October 29th but is celebrated on October 31st:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
October 1	Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32	Psalm 25:1–10	Philippians 2:1–18	Matthew 21:23–32
October 8	Isaiah 5:1–7	Psalm 80:7–19	Philippians 3:4b–14	Matthew 21:33–46
October 15	Isaiah 25:6–9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:4–13	Matthew 22:1–14
October 22	Isaiah 45:1–7	Psalm 96	1 Thessalonians 1:1–10	Matthew 22:15–22
October 29	Revelation 14:6–7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19–28	John 8:31–36



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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