



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.

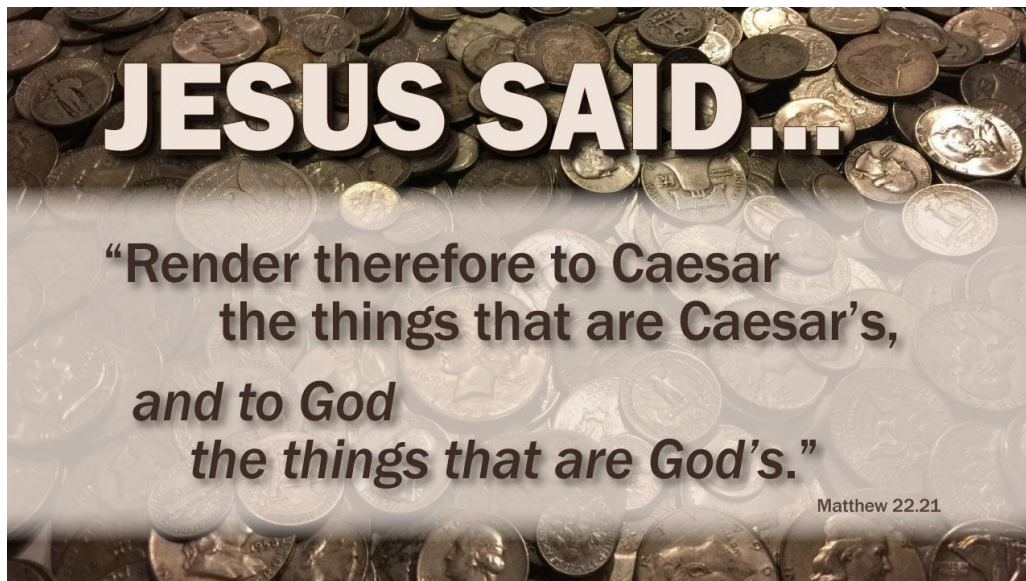
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Matthew 22:21b

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.



We live in two kingdoms and I am amazed at the different impacts of the kingdoms on me. The Kingdom of Man produces all sorts of questions regarding the direction of our nation and what is happening in the world. We pray for people and the world events often not understanding how the free will of man negotiates through time. We thank God that he loves us and is working out His perfect will in the fallen world. There is peace and rest in God's, steadfast love. We are eternal citizens of heaven and ambassadors for the Kingdom of God. May God bless you in the renewing of your mind that He loves you and has an eternal plan for you, His child. Pray for the people and the nations and rejoice as a loved one of the living God.



Love,
Pastor Scott



October 2021



Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: October 3 Hazel Benscoter
October 10 Pat Caballero
October 17 Connie Kean
October 24 Norma Boehne
October 31 Sharon Corey

Gatherings:

Load the van for Friends in Deed, Friday, October 1, 8:30 a.m.

Mission Development Team, Monday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Rm

Board of Directors' Meeting, Sunday, October 17, 11:00 a.m.

Mission Development Team walks the neighborhood, Sunday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, October 3, 8:30 a.m.
October 10, 8:30 a.m.
October 17, 8:30 a.m.
October 24, 8:30 a.m.
October 31, 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.

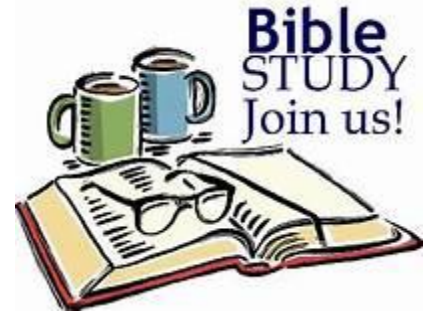
Electronic Newsletter: Let the Church Administrator know your email address if you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter via email at: admin@firstlutherantc.org.

Burn the Mortgage!

We continue to work at paying down the church mortgage. Very much appreciated are the extra donations from members and friends last month giving \$1,250 in principal only payments. The current loan balance is \$122,159, which is getting us closer and closer to the goal of bringing the balance below \$100,000 by January 1. Don't forget First Lutheran's goal as you think about year-end giving.

Tuesday Bible Study

If you have a yearning to learn more about God, join us on Tuesday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. We are currently studying the New Testament book of Matthew. We will encounter some parables of Jesus that apply well to our lives today. When we open the Bible, God speaks. Join us; for further information contact Oscar Tschopp at: (626) 355-9433.



Community Prayer Box

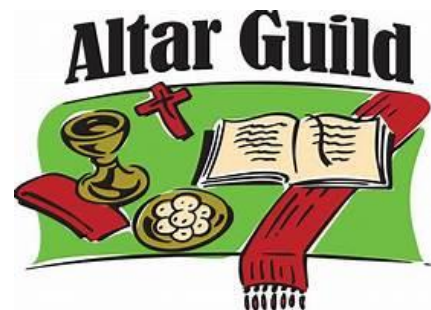
Our community prayer box is, still, being checked regularly. We have not received any requests for a while but we know that God knows our requests before we verbalize them.

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a very special group of people dedicated to preparing the altar for communion. This service opportunity takes very little time and occurs twice monthly. Presently, there are only two active members. Please consider accepting this responsibility and opportunity to serve. To set up the communion takes about 30 minutes following the very explicit 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 consider helping at: (626) 355-9433





Preschool Teachers Needed

Are you a preschool teacher or do you know someone who would like a job teaching at SONshine House? Our preschool closed at the end of January due to low enrollment, and is ready to reopen. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Jesus with children and parents. The required 12 units of early childhood education are a requirement. For further information, contact Jo Tschopp at: jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org or Kathy Janetzke at: kjanetzke@firstlutherantc.org.

Mission Development Team

The Mission Development Team was overwhelmed with the neighborhood response to the recent Taco Night celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. The caterer did a wonderful job of grilling tacos and supplying salsas, drinks, beans and rice. God supplied so many people that we made a \$60 profit. Vicki passed through the tables handing out refreshing scoops of ice cream with toppings. Several neighborhood youths helped with the set-up of tables and chairs and others supervised one of the craft activities.

Next month the team will sponsor Trunk and Treat on Halloween. Think about decorating your car/trunk and plan to join us in the parking lot. This is a great neighborhood outreach and families really appreciate a safe environment for their children. Two years ago, some families spent the entire evening on campus letting their children enjoy the activities. Generations Church has been asked to participate as they did before the pandemic. We will have the church doors open because some people have never been inside a Christian church.



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We continue to receive books in our Little Free Library. It seems the most popular books are books for children. We put out books; people take them and donate others. Stop by and browse. You might find a treasure. If you have some books to donate, you can give them to Jo Tschopp or put them in the Little Free Library.

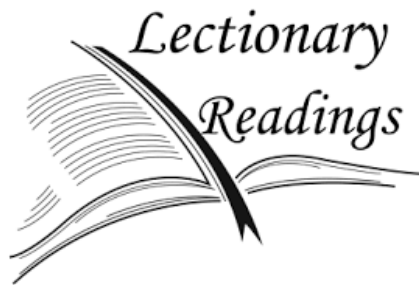
Friends in Deed

The Friends in Deed leadership has put out a request for their Gold Items: peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, rice, cooking oil, sugar, flour, chili, beef stew, dry beans, pasta, oats, powdered milk, spaghetti sauce, and soups. Last month church members and friends donated 740 pounds of food items. Many of the clients who visit the pantry are senior citizens and the financially challenged. Remember to put a few items in your shopping cart to donate. You can bring them to church; the ushers will show you where the gifts are stored for the monthly delivery to Pasadena.



Saturday Prayer Group

This small group of prayer warriors meets via the phone. They pray for the concerns of our congregation, preschool, neighborhood, and governing bodies at all levels. You can join us each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Let Jo Tschopp know and she will facilitate the phone connections at: (626) 355-9433



Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for October as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament (Epistle), and the Gospel:

| | <u>Old Testament / First Reading</u> | <u>Psalms</u> | <u>Epistle</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| October 3 | Genesis 2:18–25 | Psalm 128 | Hebrews 2:1–18 | Mark 10:2–16 |
| October 10 | Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 | Psalm 90:12–17 | Hebrews 3:12–19 | Mark 10:17–22 |
| October 17 | Ecclesiastes 11:18–20 | Psalm 119:9–16 | Hebrews 4:1–16 | Mark 10:23–31 |
| October 24 | Jeremiah 31:7–9 | Psalm 126 | Hebrews 7:23–28 | Mark 10:46–52 |
| October 31 | Revelation 14:6–7 | Psalm 46 | Romans 3:19–28 | |
| <i>(Reformation Day)</i> | | | | Matthew 11:12–19 |

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Elvia Ibanez, Preschool Director

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion every 1st & 3rd Sundays only

9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday