## 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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We all feel Summer slipping away even if the temperature is still very high. The long green season of personal growth will be giving away to the season of Advent. Yet, the seasonal scripture study pounds away at our pride, inviting us to give our life over to the Lord moment by moment.

This verse stands out as one of the many challenges of confession and repentance.



## **Luke 18:9 (English Standard Version)**

# <sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

He (Jesus) also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt.

We cannot trust in our righteous, we receive all righteousness from God through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As Summer slowly slips away, may the increased darkness remind us that the nativity star will soon appear.





Love, Pastor Scott



# September 2022

<u>Ushers</u> Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: September 4 Sharon Corey

September 11 Pat Caballero
September 18 Connie Kean
September 25 Norma Boehne

**<u>Readers</u>**: September 4 & September 18 Richard Swanson

September 11 & September 25 Christine Getz



<u>Load the Van for Friends in Deed</u>, Friday, September 30, 8:15 a.m.

Soup and Sandwich, September 7, Wednesday at 12:00 noon Taco Bar Dinner, September 17, Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' meeting, September 18, Sunday from 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times, September 4, 8:30 a.m.

September 11, 8:30 a.m. September 18, 8:30 a.m. September 25, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Times, Every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

<u>Saturday Prayer Group</u>, 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 <a href="mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org">admin@firstlutherantc.org</a>, 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.

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



# Burn the Mortgage!

When I called Lutheran Church Extension Fund to find the balance, even the office worker was impressed with the small remaining balance and remarked, "almost there." Wouldn't it be amazing if we could enter 2023 without the monthly loan payment of approximately \$5,000? Today's remaining balance is \$32,427. In addition to our budgeted monthly obligation, we only need approximately \$11,000 in principal-only payments. You can help by making a gift above your regular offering and designating it Mortgage Reduction.



## **Friends in Deed**

The congregation continues to support the Food Pantry at Friends in Deed in Pasadena. Since January, we have taken over 7000 pounds of food to the Pantry. The need. is great, we all have experienced higher food prices. Imagine what it must be like for a family challenged with food costs month after month, as gas, and other necessities have also increased. You can help by adding a few

grocery items to your cart each time you go shopping. You can also volunteer your time one Saturday a month to help stock the shelves at the facility. Contact Dave Lassanske for dates and information.

## **Saturday Prayer Group**

This small group continues to meet via the phone from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. We have a printed prayer list and bring before God concerns of our congregation, community, nation, and the world. Let Jo Tschopp know if you would like to participate, she will explain how to connect with the group at: (626) 256-8333.





## **Birthdays This Month**

Geri Novak	September 5
Norma Boehne	September 11
Craig Boehne	September 13
Christine Geltz	September 29

## **Mission Development Team**

This team of enthusiastic workers is busy planning a celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month by having a Taco Bar serving a catered meal for \$10. Invite your family and friends for a fun evening, September 17, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

This group has also planned monthly Soup and Sandwich meals for the first Wednesday of each month. Every month will have a different emphasis. On Wednesday, September 7, 12:00 noon there will be a very interesting and informative presentation entitled "Hollywood at the Arboretum." You won't want to miss hearing about Tarzan and other movies filmed at the Arboretum. The talk will be narrated by an Arboretum docent. We hope you will invite your family and friends.



Think ahead and consider decorating your car for our annual Trunk & Treat. It is a fun event and provides a safe and happy environment for our neighborhood families. Monday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



## **Sunday School**

Thirty-six backpacks have been filled with school supplies by our Sunday School class. The class has participated in the backpack program for a number of years. This year the backpacks will go to L utheran Border Concerns Ministry with offices in San Diego. Pastor Ramon Contreras, the director of the ministry, will be picking up the backpacks. Each backpack is filled with 4 notebooks, 5 pencils, 5 ballpoint pens, a large eraser, a 30-centimeter ruler, a pencil

sharpener, a pair of blunt scissors, a box of crayons, and a box of markers. The students used their offerings, extra monetary gifts from parents, and gifts from the congregation to help fund this ministry. Many thanks to members who supported this ministry outreach.















## **Little Free Library**

Our neighbors are using the Little Free Library; I can tell because we continue to receive donations. A big thanks to Rachel Whitcher who, recently, donated beautiful new children's books. Recently, I observed a young woman with a baby stroller select some books. If you have some books you would like to donate, please give them to Jo Tschopp or put them in the library. I have taken some of the books to read to my grandchildren, and also some I read myself and then return for someone else to read.





#### **Community Prayer Box**

We continue to monitor our Community Prayer Box, knowing God does listen and answer our prayers.

Please continue to pray for:

- -Louis asking for peace, comfort and a joyful heart.
- -Unnamed person asking for salvation for herself, her son, and others; that the family would experience God's love.
- -Pray that J.O. and his family would receive salvation and God's peace and comfort.
- -Pray that Beatriz would completely recover from femur surgery.
- -Pray that the Acuña family would remain faithful to God and experience harmony and love.

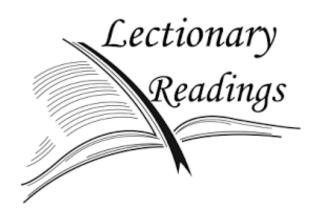
Psalm 50:15 – "Call on Me in the day of trouble. I will take you out of trouble, and you will honor Me."



## **Sunday Worship at Home**

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the <u>Lutheran Hour</u> 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.





## **Reading the Lectionaries**

Here are the lectionaries for September as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and the Gospel as we welcome the autumn months and celebrate the Labor Day holiday:

	Old Testament	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
September 4	Deuteronomy 30:15–20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1–21	Luke 14:25–35
September 11	Ezekiel 34:11–24	Psalm 119:1	169–176	
			1 Timothy 1:5–17	Luke 15:1–10
September 18	Amos 8:4–7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1–15	Luke 16:1–15
September 25	Amos 6:1–7	Psalm 146	1 Timothy 3:1–13	Luke 16:19–31

## Mina Good's Memorial Service

Location: Rose Hills – Garden of Devotion

3888 Workman Mill Road

Whittier, CA 90601 (562) 699-0921

Date: September 15 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m.

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church, Thank you for your faithful support of Lutheran Bible Translators for many years. I appreciate your partnership with the Ipili translation project.

I am retiring from LBT at the end of this month, but I will continue doing some work part-time to finish the Ipili translation of Genesis with Ipili translator Pastor Mandita. Please pray that Mandita will be able to go to the translation center at Ukarumpa in September/October so he can work on the computer. Also pray that the Ipili support team Terry and Cyndi Cirre will be able to return to PNG by the time Mandita goes to the translation center so they can help him with computer issues.



This picture was taken in 1998 the first time I visited the Ipili area.

Mandita is, currently, in the Ipili area where he is finishing work on the translation in the house/office. His prayer request is that the Lord will send a missionary to work with him so the Ipili work can continue. From a human viewpoint this will not happen, but it is the Lord's work, so we leave it in his loving hands.

My late husband Terry Borchard studied the grammatical structure of many of the New Testament letters. This month I am finishing up getting this work into computer files so that it will be available to other translators and pastors. I am, also, going through paper and computer files and finishing up other things. I plan to continue sending email prayer updates, and to write one or two prayer letters until I finish working with Mandita.

If you would like to continue to give to Lutheran Bible Translators, I encourage you to consider designating your gift to help the Waria Multi-Language Bible Translation This project consists of translation work for people speaking six Papua New Guinean languages in the Waria area of Morobe province.

## Janet Borchard

#### **Lutheran Bible Translators**

Millions of people don't have the Bible in a language they understand. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with individuals, organizations, and language communities to put God's Word in their hands.

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## Lutheran High School La Verne Trojan Shield

**Monthly Newsletter for LHSLV Association Churches** 

## September 2022

Lutheran High School has begun its 49th year of Christian education in the San Gabriel Valley. The support that your congregation shows to LHSLV is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for all that you do for our little school!

#### Upcoming Events:

- The Volleyball and Football Schedules are below.
- Pumpkin Patch--October 16-31. Pick up your pumpkins to celebrate fall every day from 12-8 p.m. daily.
- Homecoming--October 22. Game @ 11:00 a.m.
- Visitation Day--November 4, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All 6-8th grade students are welcome to attend. RSVP to Debbie Richardson, Dean of Students, at drichardson@lhslv.org. Questions? Call (909) 593-4494.
- Craft Fair--November 5. LHSLV is partnering with the mobile home community across the street from the high school to present a Christmas craft fair. All homemade items will be sold; there will be a snack bar and carolers. Get Into the Christmas Spirit
- Christmas Concert--December 9.

#### **Varsity HOME Volleyball**

8/30/22 Home 6 p.m. v. Mesa Grande
9/1/22 Home 6 p.m. v. Loma Linda Academy
9/13/22 Home 6 p.m. v. RS Hemet
9/1522 Home 6 p.m. v. RS Temecula
9/20/22 Home 6 p.m. v. Public Safety
9/30/22 Home 6 p.m. v. Pomona Catholic
9/29/22 Home 6 p.m. v. Redlands Adventist
10/4/22 Home (senior game) 6 p.m. v. RS Magnolia

#### **Varsity HOME Football**

9/9/22 Home 3 p.m. v. Calvary Baptist
9/17/22 Home 11 a.m. v. Southlands Christian
10/22/22 Home (homecoming) 11 a.m. v. Calvary Chapel Downey
10/28/22 Home (senior game) 3 p.m. v. CSDR



## Lutheran High School has updated their School-wide Learner Outcomes

Lutheran High Students know the FACTS...

See side two to see what Lutheran High School
La Verne, aligned with the mission and vision of the Faith Lutheran High School Association, values as a faculty, who will help the students of the school to reach and exceed their potential.



# LHSLV STUDENTS KNOW THE FACTS!

# AITH FUNDAMENTALS

Lutheran High School students develop and demonstrate their faith by:

Glorifying God by sharing the message of Salvation in both word and deed while discerning the meaning of Scripture and applying it to their daily lives.

# CADEMIC ADVANCEMENT

Lutheran High School students obtain the knowledge and skills for academic advancement, preparing them to always seek to learn more by:

Acquiring, evaluating, and applying knowledge, skills, and concepts from a wide range of informational sources, using what is learned to develop problem-solving skills that challenge students to evaluate real-world tasks from multiple perspectives developing appropriate and rational solutions.

# HRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Lutheran High School students demonstrate Christian citizenship by:

Showing integrity and practicing self-discipline and Christian ethics in all environments by exhibiting civic responsibility and global awareness through service to others and participation within their communities.

# **ALENTS & TECHNIQUES**

Lutheran High School students are prepared to enjoy a productive life and career by: Employing self-direction, accountability, and adaptability in setting and managing goals, timeframes, and tasks while articulating ideas effectively using oral, written, and non-verbal

communication skills in a variety of personal and professional contexts.

# ELFLESS STEWARDSHIP

**Lutheran High School students demonstrate good stewardship of God's gifts by:**Respecting and caring for all things that God has created by responsibly and generously sharing spiritual attributes, artistic, athletic, academic talents, and financial abilities.

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNER OUTCOMES** 

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9123 Broadway Temple City, CA 91780

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8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Holy Communion every  $1^{\rm st}$  &  $3^{\rm rd}$  Sundays only 9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY Every Sunday