



## 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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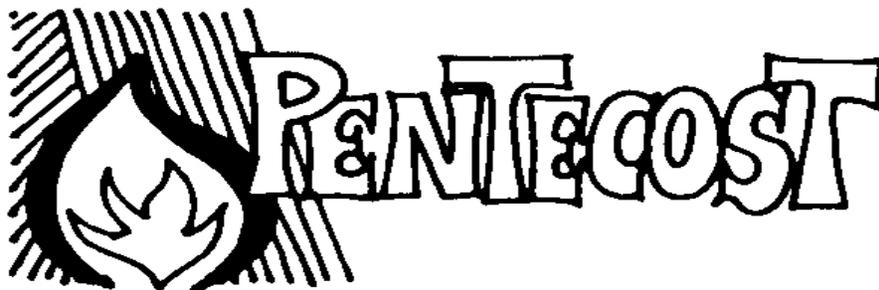
When most people think of something that is “powerful”, they probably think of a powerful car, a powerful weapon, or a powerful natural event, such as an earthquake, a storm, or a tsunami. Other people might think of powerful people: powerful business leaders like Jeff Bezos, the world’s richest man; political leaders like President Trump or President Xi Jinping of China; or athletes like LeBron James. Still other people might think of powerful ideas that have captivated the minds of millions of people, ideas like freedom or equality.

All of the above are certainly powerful, but we Christians have been given a gift that is more powerful *than all of them put together*: the gift of the Holy Spirit. People tend to think of the Holy Spirit as something purely “religious”, that is, something confined to what goes on in churches or in the small, narrow lives of religious people. But the Holy Spirit is actually so powerful that he participated in the creation of the entire universe, from the largest galaxy to the smallest amoeba. The Holy Spirit’s power is infinite, whereas every other power is finite, and because of that the Spirit can do something that no other power can do: he can change the human heart.

The human heart is the most difficult thing in the world to change, because it is the most complicated thing in the world. But since the Holy Spirit’s power is so great – and because he always makes Jesus Christ present in the real world here and now – the Spirit can turn sinners into saints, cowards into heroes, and hopeless situations into situations brimming over with the brightest possibilities. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit can raise people up from the death of sin, despair, and depression and gives them abundant and eternal life.

We celebrate the great Festival of Pentecost on Sunday June 9, and I join with you in thanking God for the infinitely good gift of the Holy Spirit. I also look forward to seeing what the Holy Spirit will be doing in your life and mine – and in the life of First Lutheran Church of Temple City.

Pentecost blessings,  
Pastor Ken Frese





**First Lutheran Church  
SONshine House Preschool**

**June 2019**

Dear Friends,

Greetings, we are into the last month of this school year! It is hard to believe how quickly the time has gone and we are approaching our end of year Festivities. Before getting into all the exciting things happening, I would like to take some time to introduce our new staff.

We have added to our staff, due to our program growing and to have additional support and coverage. Joining our team are; Ms. Erika Ramirez de la Torre, Ms. Rong Wang, and Ms. Laura Ortiz. These teachers have extensive background, education and experience and have been a wonderful addition to our family here at SONshine House Preschool.



This past month we celebrated our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. This is always a fun time and teachers extend their thank you's to our church family that provided salads and delicious desserts for our luncheon. To end the week the staff was taken to Shiki's the local seafood buffet. This was a fun time of eating, gathering and fellowship. Thank you again to our church family for the support and prayers.

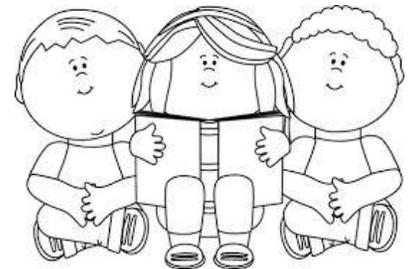
End of School Performances, Graduation and Luncheon! We invite our church family to join us for our End of School celebrations and luncheon. This will be on Friday, June 21 starting at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Following will be a light lunch. We look forward to seeing our church family there to worship and celebrate!

Our summer program begins July 1<sup>st</sup> we ask for prayers for a continued growing enrollment through Fall and for a successful safe summer!

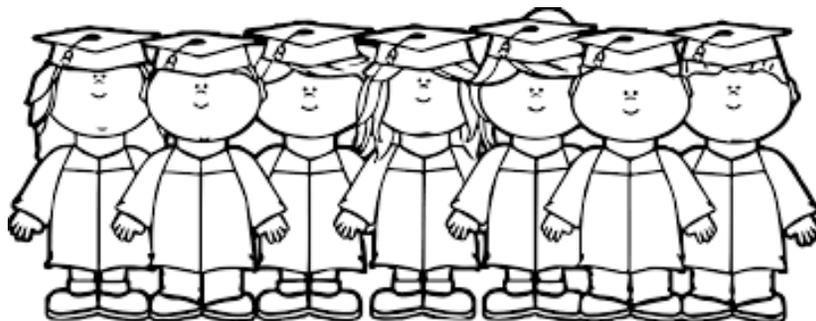
Thank you all for the support and prayers!

Blessings in Christ,

Jill Vidal  
Director



“The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.” Psalm 145:9



SUMMER  
 ice cream  
 sunshine  
 FLIP FLOPS  
 lemonade  
 BARE FEET  
 vacation  
 MEMORIES

SWIMMING

# June

**God is the best  
 Father  
 anyone can have!**

**Ushers:** Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, Don Lammerts

**Altar Guild:** Renee Errickson, Sharon Corey

**Greeters:**

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| June 2  | Hazel Bencoter            |
| June 9  | Jean Hyland, Betty Nelson |
| June 16 | Connie Kean               |
| June 23 | Norma Boehne              |
| June 30 | Jo Tschopp                |

**Worship Times:**

First Lutheran Church English Worship 8:30; Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45-10:45

Grace Lutheran Church: Taiwanese Worship 11:00

Banner Church 10:00-3:00

Generations Church 10:15-2:15

**Gatherings:**

Preschool Chapel each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Mission Development Team: Friday, June 7, 10:30

Major Leaguers Luncheon: Thursday, June 13, 1:00

Preschool Donuts with Dad Friday, June 14

Friends in Deed Trip Saturday, June 15, 8:15 a.m.

End of School Performances, Graduation & Luncheon Friday, June 21 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Night Bible Study 7:00-8:30 in Fellowship Room

Saturday Prayer Group, 9:00-10:00 a.m. contact Jo Tschopp for location

Load the van for Friends in Deed Wednesday July 3, 10:45



**June Birthdays**

Linda Daly, June 1

Jean Hyland, June 17

**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 Jo Tschopp at [jo@tschopp.org](mailto:jo@tschopp.org) or (626)355-9433. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain & commit to pray for the requests contact Jo.

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact Pastor Ken Frese (310) 398-3741; or Board of Directors, Jo Tschopp (626) 355-9433.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!**

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Must be a First Lutheran voting member. Attend one Sunday *luncheon* meeting per month. Be inspired by our genial Pastor Ken. Make exciting decisions concerning the future of the congregation. Offer support and prayers for Sonshine House preschool and its staff.

**BENEFITS:** Working with fellow mission-minded volunteers who bring joy and inspiration to the workplace.

**TO APPLY,** contact Dave Lassanske, Connie Kean, Jeannie Hyland, or Norma Boehne who are members of the Nominating Committee for Board of Director positions.

### **Major Leaguers:**

Plan to meet and greet deputies from the Los Angeles County Sherriff Temple City substation at the luncheon planned for Thursday June 13, 1:00. The deputies will be talking about safety in the home and public spaces. They will also address scammers and other security issues. Attendees will be treated to lunch and dessert. Invite friends and neighbors to join you.



### **Saving Postage Stamps:**

For decades people would carefully cut off commemorative stamps from letters and send them to mission projects. Some of you may remember that Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) collected stamps for missions for many years. Recently I was going through stuff and found some large envelopes filled with cancelled stamps that had been collected. Using my computer I found a group that still wants cancelled stamps. The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club located at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Tucson Arizona is an organization that passes the stamps on to Veterans Affairs support centers across the nation. The stamps and coins, etc. are for therapeutic use helping veterans. I had a very interesting phone conversation with a World War II veteran at the hospital who is in charge of the program. Talk to Jo Tschopp for further information, and save those stamps.



### **Friends in Deed:**

Tim, the Director of the Friends in Deed Food Pantry, recently sent an email thanking us for the fun group of volunteers who help there every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. He has scheduled us through June of 2020. The motto for the pantry is "Doing together what we cannot do alone." We cannot hand out food to the financially challenged but we can purchase items, bring them to church, place them in the designated area and know that they will be distributed to the needy. Some of those that need help are alone and elderly, some work two or more jobs, but still need assistance.



### **Special Projects:**

The **new red carpet** has been installed in the church! We continue to thank all the members who financially contributed, and also to the members who dusted the pews, kneelers, furniture, and cleaned the floors. It was truly a large job cleaning up after the installation. Don't forget to check out the new carpeting on the west stairs going up to the balcony; the color is different with the hope that it will not show sun fading. The last remaining project is painting the iron fence & gates on Broadway and Noel. We have the funds; the painter has put it on his schedule. 4

# Burn the Mortgage!

We continue to make progress in our goal to pay off the church mortgage. The Board of Directors has voted to direct any extra rental money, which is above the budget, towards the debt reduction. For May we have sent \$895 which includes a continuing \$60 weekly contribution from a member. Since January 2019 we have directed \$9,756 towards the debt in addition to the monthly mortgage payment of \$5020. The principal is getting smaller!

*<sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 English Standard Version (ESV)*

## **Mission Development Team:**

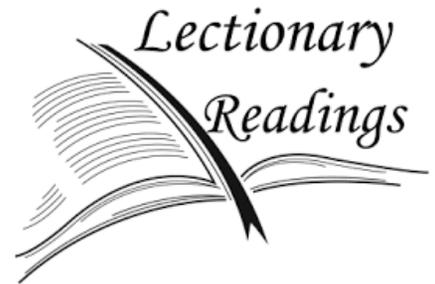
The Board of Directors is focusing upon expanding our current Mission Development Team. Pastor Frese is eager to work with this group to extend the mission outreach of the congregation. If you are open to finding out more about this opportunity of working with Pastor Frese and others, please let Vicki Trepanier, Pastor Frese, or Jo Tschopp know and plan to meet on Friday June 7, 10:30 AM. This will be an opportunity to become involved in mission outreach.

## **Voters' Meeting:**

Our twice-yearly Voters' Meeting will be held in June. There has been a conflict with the date. All current voters will be notified two weeks before the meeting. The information will also be printed in the worship bulletin. The agenda will include election of officers to a one-year term, financial reports, preschool report, pulpit supply, and other committee reports. A light luncheon will be served at 11:00, after the Bible class. To become a member of the voters you need to be a member of First Lutheran, attend a Voters' Meeting and ask to be received as a voter. At the next meeting you will be welcomed as a voting member. Anyone is invited to the meetings as a guest.

## **Reading the Lectionaries:**

If you are reading the lectionaries during the week as preparation for Sunday worship you will notice that June 2 is the last Sunday of Easter, and on June 9 we will celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. Often it is the day that confirmations and baptisms are scheduled. The paraments will be red, symbolizing fire and the Holy Spirit. The Christian celebration of Pentecost coincides closely with the Jewish celebration of Shavuot, which is the spring harvest festival of the Israelites. Many Jews were in Jerusalem for the festival when the Holy Spirit descended. On the following Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday, which is the one time of the year that the Athanasian Creed is read. The paraments will be white symbolizing purity, birth, and innocence. As you read the lectionaries see if you can find a connection between the Epistle and the Gospel.



	<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 2	Acts 1:12-26	Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20	John 17:20-26
June 9	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:23-31
June 16	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Acts 2:14, 22-36	John 8:48-59
June 23	Isaiah 65:1-9	Galatians 3:23-4:7	Luke 8:26-39
June 30	1 Kings 19:9b-21	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51:62

## **Be Informed:**

If you are interested in what is happening at the monthly Directors' Meeting, the monthly financial reports, the reports from SONshine House, and other congregational activities you can find the reports in a binder located in the church office. The notebook is updated monthly. Kathy Janetzke or Jo Tschopp can direct you to it.

