



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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From the Pastor's desk

Thankful for what is bigger and better ...

This year has revealed there is so much to be thankful for, because when we lose something we see clearly what we had.

Freedom ... stay home!

Our true freedom is in Jesus Christ who has prepared an eternal home for us free of pain, death, and sin! We are thankful for the hope of glory that our Lord has earned for us.

Wear a mask ... cover up!

When we go out in public, we no longer can completely see people. Our smiles are hidden, our words are muffled – people are “covered up” ... we cannot see our neighbor.

We are thankful that we will see Jesus not by faith but by sight someday. Our loving Savior will not be hidden in His Word and sacraments for we will be in His glorious presence.

Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer

We are thankful for our baptism, we are washed in the water and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This thanksgiving, we are told for our own safety to have a “small thanksgiving.”

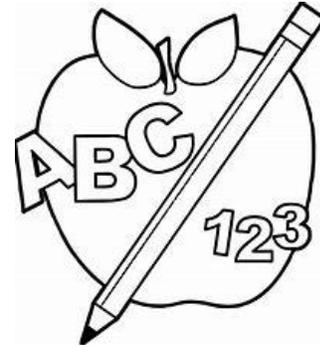
Yet in the Kingdom of God, our thanksgiving is eternal and without measure because of what Jesus has done for us!



Happy Thanksgiving!
Pastor Scott



**First Lutheran Church
SONshine House Preschool**



Hello Members.

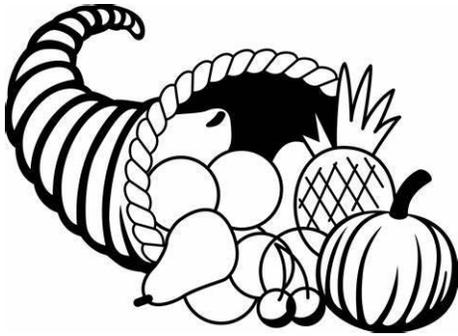
What a blessing it is to be in the month of November! I pray that this Newsletter finds you all heathy and well. October was a “good” month for us in the Preschool. Thanks to the State’s new funding for essential families program, we have acquired new families to begin their children’s enrollment with our preschool next month.

Thank you to all the parishioners that help with the donations of recyclable Art supplies. Currently, we are still offering Zoom online and in-person classes. We, kindly, ask that for the next month and the subsequent months that we may ask for any donations of the Holiday themed art supplies. Examples of what we need are:

- (1) Ribbons
- (2) Any Holiday decor (from either the Dollar Tree or 99 cents store), and / or
- (3) Big moving boxes.

(We plan to use these material and turn the Preschool into a Winter Wonderland.)

In His Name,
Elvia Ibanez
SONshine house Preschool Director
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November 2020

Gatherings:

Mission Development Team, Thursday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.

Board of Directors, Tuesday, November 17, 12:30 p.m.

Major Leaguers is cancelled until further notice.

Tuesday Bible Class, every Tuesday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Room

Saturday Prayer Group, 9:00-10:00 a.m. This group is, currently, meeting via the telephone.

Let Jo Tschopp know if you want to participate.



November Birthdays

Mina Good

November 23

Margaret Bradfute

November 26

Monica Ganas

November 29

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 firstlutherantc@gmail.com or call: (626) 287-0968 and leave a message.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Scott Ganas (951) 795-8162 or

Board of Directors Chairman, Judy Gunther (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: firstlutherantc@gmail.com.

Burn the Mortgage!

Wow! The loan balance is now \$189,119. Thanks to generous donors during October who contributed \$400 towards the Principal Only Fund. We extend a very special thanks to those who have committed to supporting the campaign monthly. Some of the gifts have been very small, but every gift large or small helps. The Burn the Mortgage campaign began in October two years ago. During the past two years, kind donors have contributed \$27,883. We praise God for each gift.

Friends in Deed

The church recently received an inquiry regarding our ministry with “Friends in Deed” food pantry. The individual read about the opportunity in our church newsletter and was interested in donating a cash gift to provide food for the clients of the pantry. We praise God for his generous donation, which will be used to purchase food for the economically challenged. Don’t forget to include in your shopping cart some items that would help others. The weather is becoming cooler, soups and other canned meals are very much appreciated. Crackers, chips, canned fruit, are all welcome additions. Last month we collected **724 pounds** of groceries for the pantry.



Tuesday Bible Study



David has become king of the united kingdom of Israel. One of the first things David facilitated was to bring the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. God had told Moses how to design and build this special box shortly after God’s people left Egypt. The Ark represented God’s presence among His people. David focused on restoring worship and honoring God. Our weekly lessons will emphasize how God worked in the life of David and how He continues to work in our lives. Join us each Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. We are a group of less than ten participants; we wear

masks and practice social distancing. All levels of Bible knowledge are welcome. Newcomers have the best questions. Contact Oscar Tschopp for further information at: (626) 355-9433.

Mission Development Team presents:

First Lutheran



First Lutheran Church Rocks on November 14!

October 28, 2020: Temple City, California. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
First Lutheran Church invites Temple City residents and beyond to a rock painting party on Saturday, November 14.

We're following the example of the national Kindness Rocks Project™ (thekindnessrocks.org). Its goal is to promote random acts of kindness by painting and sharing inspirational rocks.

We encourage people to leave rocks painted with inspiring messages along the path of life in Temple City neighborhoods and beyond. On November 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., join us on our front lawn to create your own colorful and inspirational rocks.

Location: First Lutheran Church, 9123 Broadway, Temple City

Free admission and materials: This event and the materials have been funded through a generous grant from Thrivent Financial (thrivent.com).

Provided: Rocks, paints, brushes, clear coating, basic instructions, tables, chairs

Fun for all ages: This activity is fun for families, seniors and kids. Children under 12 years old must attend with a parent or guardian.

COVID precautions: We'll be set up to paint rocks with social distanced seating following COVID-19 guidelines. **Every attendee including children must wear a face mask.**

Reservations: Please reserve your attendance with the church office at **(626) 287-0968** or by email at **flchurchsecretary@outlook.com** and provide all the names in your group. Please reserve by November 13 at noon. **No one admitted without a reservation and a face mask.**

Join us and light someone's life: Let them discover your inspiring message on a rock they discover on their path.

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Saturday Prayer Group

PRAYING FOR AMERICA has been a recurring theme during this election cycle. We hope you are joining us. It is encouraging and strengthening to agree together in prayer for our nation each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. It is very simple to pray together using the phone. We have also been focusing on some of the attributes of God and will continue in November with God is Eternal, God is Creator, God is Good, God is Love and God is Light. No previous experience with a prayer group needed. Contact Jo Tschopp for further information at: (626)355-9433.



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25

THANKSGIVING EVE: LUNCH & WORSHIP

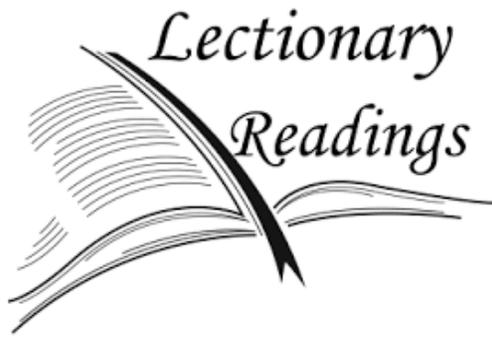
12:00 p.m.

Box Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service





Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for November as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles, and the Gospel.

	<u>First/Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
November 1	Micah 3:5–12	Psalm 43	1 Thessalonians 4:1–12	Matthew 23:1–12
November 8	Amos 5:18–24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	Matthew 25:1–13
November 15	Zephaniah 1:7–16	Psalm 90:1–12	1 Thessalonians 5:1–11	Matthew 25: 14–30
November 22	Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24	Psalm 96:1–7a	1 Corinthians 15:20–28	Matthew 25:31–46
November 29	Isaiah 64:1–9	Psalm 80:1–7	1 Corinthians 3:1–9	Mark 13:24–37

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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