



# 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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LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – June 2024

## **The Gift of Contentment**

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11 PM. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

### **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

### **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



# June 2024

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

**Greeters:** June 2 Connie Kean  
June 9 Patricia Caballero  
June 16 Norma Boehne  
June 23 Sharon Corey  
June 30 Connie Kean

**Readers:** June 2 Richard Swanson  
June 9, 16 and June 23 Christine Geltz  
June 30 Jo Tschopp



## **Gatherings:**

Soup and Sandwich, June 5, Wednesday at 12:00 noon

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, June 7, Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Mission Development Team Meeting, June 10, Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, June 16, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, June 22, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive, June 22, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Times, June 2, 8:30 a.m.  
June 9, 8:30 a.m.  
June 16, 8:30 a.m.  
June 23, 8:30 a.m.  
June 30, 8:30 a.m.

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

**Saturday Prayer Group**, 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??**

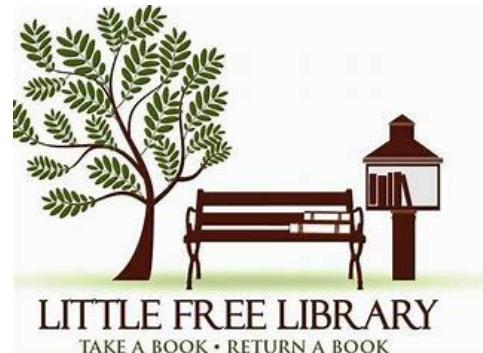
**Electronic Newsletter:** If you are currently not receiving emails and would like to be included, please share your email address with the Church Administrator (Elizabeth Yu) at: [admin@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org), or call:(626) 287-0968 and leave a message if you prefer to have a hard copy mailed out to you.

**Pastoral Care:** Board of Directors' President, Judy Gunther at: (626) 833-5613.



## Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is needing some good adult books that our neighbors would appreciate. Fiction books seem to be taken more than non-fiction. Historical fiction and mysteries, are popular. Thanks to generous donors we have plenty of children's books. The preschool has been rented and we hope that parents and children would avail themselves of the opportunity to select appropriate literature to enjoy at home. You can give your book donations to the ushers or Jo Tschopp.



for themselves and their families. Don't forget to put a few items into your shopping cart to help others.

## Friends in Deed

Last month members and friends of First Lutheran donated more than 400 pounds of food items to the Friends in Deed Food Pantry in Pasadena. We all know how the price of food has escalated each time we shop. We may complain, but we can generally buy what we need. Many people have to make difficult choices and are unable to buy enough healthy food

## Mission Development Team

Approximately 50 people attended the Mother's Day Brunch. Fresh flowers and a small vase were provided so that attendees could make their own flower arrangement. Waffles with strawberries and whipped cream, plus a baked egg and sausage casserole were served. A highlight of the event was the visit of Jim Gunther and three of his classmates who graduated from First Lutheran 40 years ago.

There will be a presentation on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon during our Wednesday Soup and Sandwich by Becky Shevlin who is a member of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homeless for Los Angeles County. Becky is also Mayor of Monrovia, and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arcadia.

Don't forget that there is the Blood Drive with the Red Cross Community on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church's Parish Hall.

# All Blood Types Needed



## Blood Drive First Lutheran Church

Parish Hall  
9123 Broadway Avenue  
Temple City, CA 91780

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Scan this code and book an appointment for  
this event on the Red Cross website:



American  
Red Cross

**Be someone's HERO:  
Give blood!**

The next Soup and Sandwich will be on Wednesday – July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon. There are plans to honor our nation through music with special food planned.

## Community Prayer Box

Recently, we received a prayer request for The Democratic Republic of the Congo. The person requesting the prayer for peace and an end to conflict did not leave their contact information but evidently, he/she has a heart for nations in turmoil. Please pray for God's peace in our troubled and sinful world.



## Missionary News – Anna Rostek

To my wonderful church family at First Lutheran. Although it hasn't been long since our last meeting, I really miss all of you. Your warmth and kindness refreshes me. For the last almost two months I have been traveling to churches around Montana to share about Burundi. I am still hoping to return to Africa by the end of June, but I am always open to God changing my plans. I have continued counseling missionaries throughout Africa during this time, and get to help those on medical leave or itineration to get back to their work in Africa. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support, and I look forward to updating you on when I am able to head back soon.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

**Peter Dille**

**Diane Oberlander**

**June 11**

**June 23**

**Philip and Patricia Caballero      June 28**



## 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.

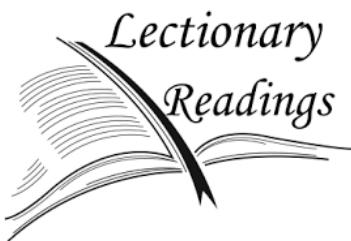


**You may, also, access and/or review the sermon online by going to:**

<https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>

## Long time parishioner

Margaret Bradfute passed away on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – Friday. There will be Memorial service on the last Saturday in June. Please watch for more detail to come.



## Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for June as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
June 2	Deuteronomy 5:12–15	Psalm 81:1–10	2 Corinthians 4:5–12	Mark 2:23–28
June 9	Genesis 3:8–15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13:5:1	Mark 3:20–35
June 16	Ezekiel 17:22–24	Psalm 1	2 Corinthians 5:1–10	Mark 4:26–34
June 23	Job 38:1–11	Psalm 124	2 Corinthians 6:1–13	Mark 4:35–41
June 30	Lamentations 3:22–33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15	Mark 5:21–43

## Annual Election

It's election time! Attend the July 7th Voters' Meeting to approve the following slate of candidates as follows: President ... Judith Gunther; Vice President ... Norma Boehne; Secretary ... Vicki Trepanier; Treasurer ... Kathy Janetzke; Members at Large ... Patricia Caballero, Sharon Corey, Pat Grabowski, and Diane Oberlander.



## **LSSSC News for Your Church**

### **Do You Know Someone with Lived Experience in Recovery and/or Mental Health?**

People who have had to experience and navigate through “the system” make great coaches, supports, and allies for those currently trying to find services in the system. That’s what a “Peer Support Specialist” (PSS) does – come alongside individuals and families who are dealing with recovery and/or mental health challenges to offer support. PSSs provide support, advocacy, encouragement, affirmation, acceptance, resources, and hope to others. They share their personal experiences and provide support to help break down barriers and empower people to find and follow their own recovery paths. PSSs do important work!

As a California Mental Health Services (CalMHSA) approved provider, LSSSC offers a 100-hour Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Training that includes 80 hours of online, self-paced, curriculum and a 20-hour supervised internship. Program staff offer assistance with career planning and job placement at agencies throughout the state. This Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Training is free to the residents of California.

For more information, please visit [www.lssc.org/peer-support-training/](http://www.lssc.org/peer-support-training/). For questions or enrollment, you may contact Program Coordinator: Mirian Rodriguez at: [PSSProgram@lssc.org](mailto:PSSProgram@lssc.org) or call: (951) 588-2000.

**CalMHSA**  
California Mental Health Services Authority

## Lutheran Pastors' Assistance Fund – Ministering to the Ministers of Gospel

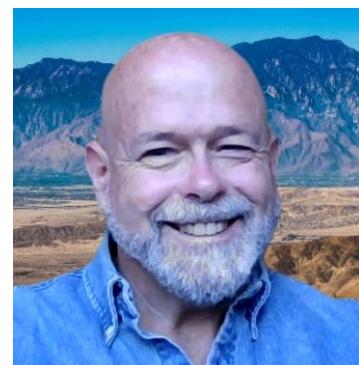


For more than a dozen years, LSSSC has been privileged to administer a fund to come alongside Lutheran pastors (or their widowed spouse) in times of financial crisis. A serious health or family issue, a costly repair or emergency can add financial strain to a person who has dedicated their life to the service of others.

If you are or know of a Lutheran Pastor (active or retired) or surviving spouse of a Lutheran Pastor who served in Southern California, **LSSSC may be able to grant a gift of funds to ease the burden.** All requests for assistance are kept in the strictest confidence. Depending on the specific need and availability of fund, gifts usually range from \$500 to over \$1,000. Please note that tuition assistance cannot be provided.

*Please also know that these funds are provided by generous supporters like you. Why not consider making a gift to this fund so it's there when a pastor you know and support needs help?*

Full information and online application are available at: [www.lsssc.org/lutheran-pastors-fund/](http://www.lsssc.org/lutheran-pastors-fund/). If you have any questions regarding either applying or donating to the fund, please contact Paul Fournier at: (714) 621-5845 or email at: [Paul.Fournier@lsssc.org](mailto:Paul.Fournier@lsssc.org).



## Save the Date – November 8 – “No Place Like Home



Friday – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – at the beautiful and historic Mission Inn in Riverside, will be the time and place for LSSSC's third annual fundraising gala. Celebrating and supporting the accomplishments and opportunities at our San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus. This year's theme will be “*No Place Like Home*”. We would love for you to experience this beautiful facility and a truly inspiring evening.

Please mark your calendars, and ask yourself, “Who at our church, or in our business community, needs to be there to hear about the great things that LSSSC is up to?”

**Sponsorship opportunities are also available, providing excellent exposure for your business or ministry.** For sponsorship info, or to be placed on the notification list for when registration opens, please give Paul Fournier a call at: (714) 621-5845, or email him at: [Paul.Fournier@lssc.org](mailto:Paul.Fournier@lssc.org)

### **Los Angeles County – San Gabriel Valley area**

Located in the city of Pasadena, LSS Los Angeles county San Gabriel Valley is home to our innovative Avanti program for individuals experiencing intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Avanti successfully engages participants in social and volunteer opportunities throughout the community while also reinforcing basic life skills and independence. Participants are referred to the program through Regional Centers.



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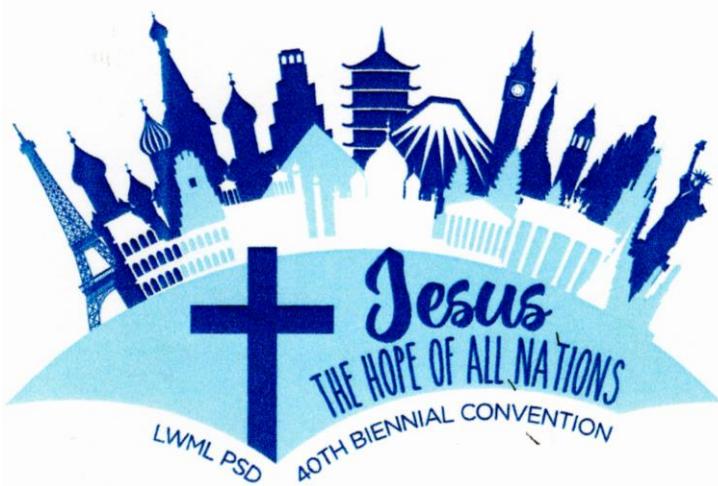
# Save the Date!

LWML PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT  
40<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION

JUNE 7–9, 2024

LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA

DoubleTree by Hilton  
Rosemead, 888 Montebello Blvd  
Rosemead, CA 91770



## Mission Statement:

*We are all God's children and  
celebrate the Hope we have in Jesus.*

*Praise be to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he  
has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead (1 Peter 1:3 NIV).*

For more information, please register online at:

<https://psdlwml.regfox/lwml-psd-convention> or contact Kathy Baumhofer at:  
[kbaumhofer8760@gmail.com](mailto:kbaumhofer8760@gmail.com)



### Rev. Dr. John Mehl KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. John Mehl became the second Executive Director of Mission of Christ Network on January 1, 2017.

Dr. Mehl began his ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Kansas where he served eight years as a parish pastor, before being called by LCMS Board for Mission Services as a church planter

in Moscow, Russia, in 1993. He served as the pastor of two different congregations in Moscow and supervised the "Moscow Seminars," an ongoing theological education program for Russian Lutheran pastors. In 2004 he and his family moved from Moscow to Frankfurt, Germany, while serving with LCMS World Missions as the Regional Director for Eurasia. In 2006, the family moved to Hong Kong, where Dr. Mehl served as the Regional Director for Asia until 2013. While in Asia he was a member of the leadership team that started Concordia International School, Hanoi. From 2014 to 2016 he served as the Director of Mission Partnerships and Church Relations at Concordia University, Nebraska.

John is married to Susan and they have three grown children, Katrina, Louisa and Theodore.



### Melissa Salomón BIBLE STUDY LEADER

A faithful and effective servant, Melissa Salomón brings to the LCMS and LWML a special love for and commitment to the promotion of cross-cultural ministries on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. She is a highly respected leader in the LCMS Hispanic community and has been instrumental in the LWML

Heart to Heart Sisters of all Nations, our intentional focus on intercultural engagement.

She has been serving her Lord in border ministry since 1986. In 1998 she was part of a team that opened the first Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) office in Mexico. Currently, her work with 1000 Generaciones Ministry and Concordia Church and School in Chula Vista, California, allow her to engage in mission and mercy projects along the border and beyond. Melissa has served on the Board of Mission Nation Publishing since 2020 and was honored to have her life and service story memorialized in one of the Mission Nation Publications in 2021.

Melissa enjoys living near her two grown children who each have a baby, so Melissa is living her best life delighting in little Santiago Alejandro and Sofia Grace.

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8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only

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

Every Sunday