

THE LUTHERAN LIGHT

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear disciples of Jesus:



He is Risen!

Alleluia!

Can you imagine what that first Easter Day was like? It was a miracle! It was a new world coming to life! The celebration of the resurrection has continued for all these years proclaiming to the whole world that Jesus was dead, he was buried and has now risen from the dead!

That is why when we think of Easter, we think of things being filled with abundant life. Easter is fullness, fullness of joy and happiness! Easter is fullness of life; abundant life coming from the risen Lord to bless us and renew us. This is the reason why churches are full of joy on Easter Sunday, that is why Alleluias are sung again, praising God for the great miracle, the great victory of life over death.

But in opposition to this great fullness of life, we have also emptiness. Something is empty: the tomb is empty. Jesus is not there, the tomb is empty, death has been destroyed.

We celebrate fullness of life and the emptiness of all deathly powers. We celebrate fullness of abundant life and emptiness of deathly oppressions. Yes, God is filling us this Easter Season with blessings and eternal life. At the same time God is bringing emptiness of death, pain and sorrow to the world this Easter Season, because God is bringing abundant life to be lived with joyful hearts and renewed spirits.

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green. ELW 379.*

Happy Easter, my dear congregation.

He is risen, and we have hope. Alleluia!

Your Pastor,

The Rev. José Luis La Torre Cuadros.

First Lutheran Church
A Letter from the President

I Pray everyone is having good Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. On February 1st First Lutheran held their annual congregational meeting. To review main topics of the meeting are, the church is financially stable, but costs continue to increase. Our 2026 budget is projecting a \$7000 increase in expenses, so it is important we continue or slightly increase our levels of giving for the church. Also, we are looking at some major repair projects the church is going to need in the next few years. The church roof needs to be replaced and several doors on the Fellowship Hall and Church need repair or replacement. The total cost for these projects could be over \$60000. The church council is researching ways to fund these projects. Any thoughts and financial help this Easter Season from our congregation and friends would be welcome. Another meeting topic was the approval of the 2026 church council. The 2026 members are Pastor Jose Luis, Chuck Schonauer President, Doug Boone Vice president, Cindy Batchelder Treasurer, Gary Carter Secretary and members Paul Griffin, Sharon Rios, and Vicki Keeney. Paul Griffin is term limited out as president. Thank you, Paul, for your two years of leadership. Angie Hillyard, Steve Elliott, Phil Heuchert, and Dianne Krueger are leaving the council due to term limits or busy schedules. Thank for your service and we look forward to your future return to council leadership.

Pastor Jose Luis went on trip to the Holy Land in early January and has been teasing us on Facebook and during worship with pictures from his trip. First Lutheran and St. Paul's are planning a slideshow presentation of the trip later this spring. All will be welcome to attend this event and bring friends, family, and neighbors. So, stay tuned for the date and time.

Otherwise, all is going well this Lent and Easter season. Attendance for the Ash Wednesday service, evening soup suppers and mediation has been very good. In Closing it is a pleasure to return as the president of our congregation. Always if you have any questions, concerns, or if you want to help with church events and projects feel free to contact me, any council member or Pastor.

God's Peace, Chuck Schonauer
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HOLY LAND PRESENTATION

By Pastor Jose Luis

Wednesday May 27th

5 PM

with Fellowship time

@ First Lutheran's Hall

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
A Letter from the President

Greetings Dear Friends in Christ,

Time goes by so fast. Here we are almost through the season of Lent.... not to mention what appears to be early summer weather. I have really enjoyed the weekly soup suppers and meditations these past few weeks. They have been well attended by members of both congregations as well as the bible study on Tuesday mornings. The bible study has about 14 regularly attending. Join us. It has become one of the high points of my week. The scriptures keep reminding us of who Christ is and God's plan for us as well as what we are supposed to do with the help of the Holy Spirit. Believe when Christ tells us who he is, ask forgiveness and tell others about the good news. The world is and always has been full of temptations and distractions, perhaps now more than ever. The Word shows us how to remain focused. As we approach Holy Week and Easter, I look forward to seeing many of you as we worship together. Amid the seeming chaos of modern life we can give each other strength.

God's blessings

Spike Schonauer



It is time to register for the 2026 Synod Assembly!
All registered voting members must have their own email
address!
Find out details regarding dates, elections, and more on
our website.

If you have registration questions, please
email communications@spselca.org!

Register for May 9th: Redding

April 29th, 2026
Confirmation of Ali Khan @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Congratulations Ali!



Prayer Requests

*Katy V, Joe W, Gary M, Nelia and family, Audry J, Patricia,
Kathy & Harold vB, Samantha W, Tyler W, Joyce, Maite & Eric T,
Mo C, Alice Low family*

Bible Study

*Hosted by Doug Boone &
Paul Griffin
Tuesdays at 10 AM
At
First Lutheran's Hall*



April Birthdays



- 1 Isla Ogilvie*
- 3 Paddy Turnbull*
- 4 Jennifer Sharp*
- 7 Clay Jacobson*
- 14 Dan Peterson*
- Darla Testerman*
- Scott von Barga*
- 20 Ron Osborn*
- 27 Scott Batchelder*
- Nicolas La Torre*
- 28 Dale Askeland Jr.*
- 30 Kelly Testeman*
- Sandy von Barga*

Art & Soul

Wednesdays 1-3 pm

Art and Soul will Resume on
Feb, 11, 2026 after Winter break.

Please don't stop drawing and
creating this month. Post your work
so we'll all learn from each other.

Call with questions.

Glenys 530-680-5653



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are lovingly made by a team of knitters and crocheters who make them with prayers for folks who need extra support or care at challenging times. If you know someone who might benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact Connie Boone at (530-717-0997) or leave a message at the church office.

Worship at First Lutheran Church

Worship Roll	<i>April 5</i>	<i>April 12</i>	<i>April 19</i>	<i>April 26</i>	
Pastor	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>	
Lector	<i>Diane K</i>	<i>Paul G</i>	<i>Jackie S</i>	<i>Karen T</i>	
Prayers	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>	
Slide show	<i>Jill</i>	<i>Frances</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gary</i>	
Gathering Hymn	<i>Alleluia! Jesus is Risen</i>	<i>That Easter Day w/Joy</i>	<i>Now All the Vaults of Heavn</i>	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every</i>	
Hymn of the day	<i>Jessus Christ is Risen Today</i>	<i>O Sons & Daughters</i>	<i>As We Gather at Your Table</i>	<i>Blessing , Honor & Glor</i>	
Sending Hymn	<i>Thine is the Glory</i>	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	<i>This Joyful Eastertide</i>	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast</i>	
First Reading	<i>Acts 10: 34-43</i>	<i>Acts 2:4a,36-41</i>	<i>Acts 2:14a,36-41</i>	<i>Acts 2:42-47</i>	
Psalm	<i>118:1-2,14-24</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>116:4,12-19</i>	<i>23</i>	
Second Reading	<i>Col 3: 1-4</i>	<i>1Peter 1:3-9</i>	<i>1Peter 1:17-23</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:19-25</i>	
Gospel	<i>Matt 28: 1-10</i>	<i>John 20:19-31</i>	<i>L:uke 24: 113-35</i>	<i>John 10:1-10</i>	

Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Volunteer 1	<i>Spike</i>	<i>Susan T</i>	<i>Janet W</i>	<i>Lenus</i>	
Vol. 2 Flowers		<i>Kathy v</i>	<i>Janet W</i>	<i>Kathleen Z</i>	
Gathering Hymn	<i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i>	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen</i>	<i>Awake, My Heart with Gladness</i>	<i>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</i>	
Hymn of the day	<i>Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!</i>	<i>He is Arisen! Glorious Word</i>	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen</i>	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i>	
Sending Hymn	<i>Now All the Vaults of Hvn</i>	<i>Good Christian Friends</i>	<i>Come, You Faithful Raise</i>	<i>Savior like a Shepherd Lead</i>	

Worship at First Lutheran Church

Worship Roll	<i>May 3</i>	<i>May 10</i>	<i>May 17</i>	<i>May 24</i>	<i>May 31</i>
Pastor	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>	<i>Jose Luis</i>
Lector	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Jackie</i>	<i>Karen</i>	
Prayers	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>	<i>Connie</i>
Slide show	<i>Jill</i>	<i>Frances</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Gary</i>
Gathering Hymn	<i>Christ is Made the Sure Found</i>	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	<i>The Head that Once was</i>	<i>Come Down, O Love Devine</i>	<i>God of Grac, We Praise Your Nam</i>
Hymn of the day	<i>Come, My Way, My Truth</i>	<i>Dear Chris-tians, One & A</i>	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	<i>Like the Mur-mur of the D</i>	<i>God. Whose Al-mighty Word</i>
Sending Hymn	<i>Alleluia! Jesus is Risen</i>	<i>Oh, Sing to the Lord</i>	<i>Thine the Amen</i>	<i>God of Tempest</i>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
First Reading	<i>Acts 7: 55-60</i>	<i>Acts 17:22-31</i>	<i>Acts 1:6-14</i>	<i>Acts 21:1-21</i>	<i>Gen 1:1-2:4a</i>
Psalm	<i>31:1-5,15-16</i>	<i>66:8-20</i>	<i>68:1-10,32-35</i>	<i>104:24-34, 35b</i>	<i>8</i>
Second Reading	<i>1Peter 2:2-10</i>	<i>1Peter 3:13-22</i>	<i>1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11</i>	<i>1 Cor 12:3b-13</i>	<i>2Cor 13:11-13</i>
Gospel	<i>John 14:15-21</i>	<i>John 14: 15-21</i>	<i>John 17: 1-11</i>	<i>John 20:19-23</i>	<i>Matt 28:16-20</i>

Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Volunteer 1	<i>Bob R</i>	<i>Patti R</i>	<i>Ernie P</i>	<i>Spike S</i>	<i>Susan T</i>
Vol. 2 Flowers	<i>Sherry B</i>	<i>Lynda F</i>	<i>Myrna L</i>	<i>Rachelle M</i>	<i>Beth N</i>
Gathering Hymn	<i>The Strife is Over</i>	<i>Praise the Savior Now &</i>	<i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i>	<i>Come, Holy Ghost, God &</i>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Hymn of the day	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>	<i>Rejoice Angelic Choirs Rejoice</i>	<i>Alleluia Sing to Jesus</i>	<i>Holy Spirit, Truth Devine</i>	<i>Eternal Father Strong to Save</i>
Sending Hymn	<i>Make Songs of Joy</i>	<i>Hallelujah Jesus Lives</i>	<i>A Hymn of Glory Let us S</i>	<i>Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling</i>	<i>All Glory be to God on High</i>

Happenings @ First

Food Pantry

Distribution Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays 3-5

Commodities

April 17th & May 15th

(Food arrives the day before)

Green bag days

Second Saturday of every even month



May Birthdays

1 Kim Varner

5 Kyle Goings

9 Spike Schonauer

11 Diane Krueger

Vicki Keeney

13 Brad Askeland

19 Paul Griffin

20 Holly Ogilvie

23 Allison Turnbull

Easter Sunday

First Lutheran's Annual Easter

Brunch

7am to 11 am

Sign-up board will be in First's Hall

All are Welcome

He is

Risen, Alleluia



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