

THE LUTHERAN LIGHT

A Letter from the Pastor



Dear disciples of Jesus:

Peace be with you. Yes, the peace of the Lord Jesus, the peace that surpasses the peace of the world, the spiritual and miraculous peace of God that surpasses all understanding, the same peace that the risen Christ shared with his scared disciples on Easter, that peace is the peace that we want to celebrate and proclaim to the world.

Our churches in Orland and Artois are called to be messengers of the divine peace. And the church is the community of believers, which means that each one of us should be a messenger of the peace of Jesus.

Our world is suffering wars, conflicts, crime, violence, fear and it is in urgent need of the peace of God. The local churches in our county are inviting their members to share the peace of Christ planting a message of peace in their gardens, windows or any space available. These peace signs will let our neighbors know that we are Christians and we are praying for peace in the world, our country, our state, our city and our home. I invite you to be a messenger of peace sharing the peace of Christ, that peace of the risen Lord with everybody.

Your Pastor,

The Rev. Jose Luis La Torre Cuadros.



First Lutheran Church

A Letter from the President

I'd like to talk a bit about the weekly Bible study held at First Lutheran Church.

The Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in First Lutheran's fellowship hall, and is hosted by Doug Boone and me. We typically have about a dozen attendees, though our record attendance is around fourteen or fifteen. Most are members of First Lutheran, though a few of the participants are from other churches, including St. Paul's Lutheran.

Our study approach is to read and discuss the Bible passages scheduled to be read during the upcoming Sunday service. Our aim is to gain a better understanding of the selected scriptures in advance of the service in the hope that the passages will be more meaningful to us while they are being read in church.

In the past I have been involved in Bible studies which concentrate on a single book of the Bible or on a particular Biblical theme, and this can be an excellent study approach. But one of the advantages of our format is that you don't need to have been at the prior study sessions to understand what is going on at the present one. We deal with a fresh set of readings every week, and the readings often come from books of the Bible which were not covered in the prior week's study. So no prior knowledge is required.

If you decide to come to the study you will usually be treated to some delicious baked goods, often courtesy of Spike Schonauer, who has revealed himself to be an impressive and creative master of the baking arts. I always look forward to seeing what new creation will be displayed on the table when I walk in. And, of course, since we're a Lutheran church there is always coffee.

If you become a regular participant, I will put you on the email list, so you have copies of the scriptures in the Bible translation we will be reading in church. And Gary Carter always brings a few extras in case you didn't have time to print them out before the study. Feel free to also bring whatever translation of the Bible you happen to have as we like to share the different takes our Bibles have on the same verses.

So if you have an interest in gaining a deeper understanding of God's word, I encourage you to attend one of our sessions to see if it's something that might be right for you. Our study is conducted in a very friendly, easy-going atmosphere and involves a wide-ranging discussion of our thoughts and feelings regarding the scriptures and how they relate to our modern times and personal experience. And typically, there's a fair amount of joking around. In short, we have a pretty good time. I Hope to see you there.

God's Peace, Paul Griffin



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025



“Creation cries out in suffering. We acknowledge the urgent call to action, and we acknowledge that we can only respond to it on the basis of faith. The Season of Creation is a source of strength and communion, encouraging us truly ‘to hope and act with creation.’”

Rev. Dr Anne Burghardt, Lutheran World Federation General Secretary

The theme for this year's Season of Creation (Sept.1-Oct. 4) is “Peace with Creation”.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

A Letter from the President

Dear members and friends, autumn is in the air __ despite some lingering days of summer heat. St. Paul's is gearing up for our annual Oktoberfest on October 5. The sauerkraut is doing its thing in the kitchen watched over by dedicated volunteers. We will be cooking bacon, slicing onions, and distributing potatoes on September 23. It is a lot of work, but a chance for us to witness to the community at large and everyone enjoys the fellowship and good food and atmosphere. The proceeds help us fund our commitment to local food banks and charities. This year we discovered that one of the four HC units at the hall needs to be replaced soon. It is an original until so it has served us well for over 60 years. The estimated cost will be 6-8 thousand dollars so some proceeds will go toward that project. We need all the help we can get to make this project a success. I hope to see many of you there.

Pastor Jose-Luis and Pastor Phil are preparing a study group on Lutheran doctrine in the coming weeks. It will be held at Lutheran Hall in the late morning Stayed tuned for details. The confirmation review they led last spring was well attended by members of both congregations. I have no doubt the new class will be just as informative. Bible class in Orland and these extra study groups serve to prepare us to be better witnesses to friends and neighbors as well as strengthening our own faith. We are fortunate to have these two men to lead us.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming months. It won't be long before we celebrate Reformation and move into the season of Advent. All are welcome!!

God's blessings, Spike Schonauer

FALL LUTHERAN STUDY

Mondays 10 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Artois

Begins October 13th

The Freedom of a Christian, 1520 by M. Luther

and his accompanying *Letter to Pope Leo X*. As controversy concerning his writings grew, Luther was instructed to write a reconciliation-minded letter to Pope Leo X (1475–1521). To this letter he appended a nonpolemical tract describing the heart of his beliefs, *The Freedom of a Christian*. Luther's Latin version added an introduction and a lengthy appendix not found in the German edition. The two editions arose out of the different audiences for them: the one addressed to theologians, clerics, and church leaders (for whom Latin was the common language), and one addressed to the German-speaking public, which included the nobility, townsfolk, many from the clergy, and others who could read (or have Luther's writings read to them). This volume is excerpted from The Annotated Luther series, *Volume I*.



Prayer Requests

*Katy V, Joe W, Gary M, Nelia and family, Audry J, Patricia,
Kathy & Harold vB, Samantha W, Tyler W, Diane K, Joyce,
Maite & Eric T, Mo C, Jackie S, Nancy M, Tim & Jeannette S*

Bible Study

*Hosted by Doug Boone & Paul
Griffin*

Tuesdays at 10 AM

At

First Lutheran's Hall



Art & Soul

Wednesdays 1-3 pm***

***Art and Soul will Resume on September 17 after Summer 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



October Birthdays



2 Patti Rehse, 3 George Burnett,

4 Dale Askeland, 7 Francia Barbier,

8 Tina Miles, Vera Christiansen

9 Michelle Ellis, Max Wackerman,

10 Glenys Anderson, Selina Edwards

12 Brint Foster

13 Miranda La Torre

15 Chris Stifter, Rachelle Millar

16 Brittany Overstreet

18 Tara Bautista

22 Svanna Nethington, Brooke Davis

23 Rae Turnbull

24 Alton Johnson

25 Paul LaFrance

26 Carol Schmutzer

27 Norman Tehan Piper

28 Robert Overstreet

29 Jill Elliott, Lynda Fitzgerald,

Donna Osborn

30 Nancy Burnett

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>Oct 5</i>	<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Oct 19</i>	<i>Oct 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>All People That on Earth</i>	<i>Sing Praise to God, the High</i>	<i>Gather Us In</i>	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i>	
Hymn of the day	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>	<i>A Mighty For- tress is Our</i>	
Sending Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	<i>All Who Love & Serve</i>	<i>Lord Of All Hopefulness</i>	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	
First Reading	<i>Hab 1:1-4;2:1-4</i>	<i>2King 5:1-3,7-15c</i>	<i>Gen 32:22-31</i>	<i>Jer 31:31-34</i>	
Psalm	<i>37: 1-9</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>46</i>	
Second Reading	<i>2Tim 1:1-14</i>	<i>2Tim 2:8-15</i>	<i>2Tim 3:14-4:5</i>	<i>Rom 3:19-28</i>	
Gospel	<i>Luke 17:5-10</i>	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>	<i>Luke 16:1-8</i>	<i>John 8:31-36</i>	

Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Volunteer 1	<i>Spike</i>	<i>Patti</i>	<i>Ernie P</i>	<i>Susan T</i>	
Vol. 2 Flowers	<i>Janet W</i>	<i>Kathleen Z</i>	<i>Helen A</i>	<i>Sherry B</i>	
Gathering Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	<i>Immortal, In- visible God On</i>	<i>A Mighty For- tress is Our</i>	
Hymn of the day	<i>Praise to the Lord the Alm</i>	<i>My Hope is Built on Noth.</i>	<i>O Jesus I Have Promis.</i>	<i>The Church's One Foundat.</i>	
Sending Hymn	<i>Thank We All Our God</i>	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harve.</i>	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	<i>Thy Strong Word</i>	

Worship at First Lutheran Church

Worship Roll	<i>Nov 2</i>	<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>Nov 16</i>	<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Nov 30</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>	<i>Gary</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>	
Gathering Hymn	<i>All Are Welcome</i>	<i>All Creatures, Worship God</i>	<i>Come, Ye Thankful</i>	<i>All Hail the Power of</i>	<i>Word of God, Come Down</i>
Hymn of the day	<i>For All the Saints</i>	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	<i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i>	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harv.</i>	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>
Sending Hymn	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus</i>	<i>I Know that My Redeemer</i>	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the</i>	<i>Crown Him with Many</i>	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>
First Reading	<i>Dan 7:1-3,15-18</i>	<i>Job 19:23-27a</i>	<i>Mal 4:1-2a</i>	<i>Jer 23:1-6</i>	<i>Isa 2:1-5</i>
Psalm	<i>149</i>	<i>171:1-9</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>122</i>
Second Reading	<i>Eph 1:11-23</i>	<i>2Thes 2:1-5,13-17</i>	<i>2Thes 3:6-13</i>	<i>Col 1:11-20</i>	<i>Rom 13:11-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 6:20-31</i>	<i>Luke 20:27-38</i>	<i>Luke 21:5-19</i>	<i>Luke 23:33-43</i>	<i>Matt 24:36-44</i>

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Volunteer 1	<i>Janet W</i>	<i>Lenus de</i>	<i>Spike</i>	<i>Patti R</i>	<i>Ernie P</i>
Vol. 2 Flowers	<i>Lynda F</i>	<i>Myrna L</i>	<i>Rochelle M</i>	<i>Beth N</i>	<i>Patti R</i>
Gathering Hymn	<i>For All the Saints</i>	<i>Son of God Eternal Savior</i>	<i>I Know That My Redeemer</i>	<i>Crown Him With Many C</i>	<i>Savior of the Nations Come</i>
Hymn of the day	<i>Rise Up O Saints</i>	<i>Oh For a Thousand Ton</i>	<i>Sing Praise to God, the high</i>	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus</i>	<i>Awake, Awake for the Night is</i>
Sending Hymn	<i>Thy Strong Word</i>	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	<i>Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!</i>	<i>Rejoice the Lord is King</i>	<i>Fling Wide the Doot</i>

Happenings @ First

Food Pantry

Distribution Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays 3-5

Commodities

October 17th, November 21th, December 19th

(Food arrives the day before)

Green bag days

Second Saturday of every even month



November Birthdays

4 Kathy Zabel

6 Tammy Overstreet

7 Connor Schmidt

11 Carter Testerman

17 Pastor Stephen Jahn,

Addy Lynn Davis

19 Reed Testerman,

Thalis Hunt

21 Bev Askeland,

Angel Goings

23 Martin Hillyard

24 Jane Wackerman

27 Lisa Reimers

28 Nicki Osborn

29 Doug Boone,

Adam Reimers

30 Samantha Turnbull



Golden + Confirmation Anniversary

Congratulations to all our members that celebrate 50 plus years of Confirmation. Special celebration and blessing on November 23rd Christ the King Sunday.



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